

Does Membership Matter

1st John 3:14

I. The Basis for Church Membership

- A. God keeps a list of all members in the invisible church, which makes it reasonable for a local church to keep a list of all visible members. Phil 4:3; Rev 20:15; Rev 21:27

- B. God has always done something to visibly set apart His people from the world which makes church membership reasonable.

- C. The metaphors used in describing the church imply membership. Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 3:15

- D. The early church kept a list of widows in the church 1 Tim 5:9

- E. The Biblical instruction concerning leadership in the church demands church membership Heb 13:7, 17; 1 Pet 5:2-3

- F. The instructions concerning church discipline demand church membership 1 Corinth 5:12-13

II. The Benefits Gained by Church Membership

A. To Enhance _____

B. To _____ the Body of Christ
1 Corinth 12:7; 1 Corinth 5:9-13

C. For _____
Heb 10:19-23

D. To Help _____
Heb 13:17

E. For _____
Rom 15:14; Gal 6:1; 1 Jn 3:14

F. Join for _____
1 Corinth 1:4-9; 1 Corinth 3:1-3