



Called to Belong, not just Believe

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Ephesians 2:19-22

Introduction



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- While your relationship to Christ is personal, God never intends it to be private.
- And one of the keys to connecting with others in the body of Christ is to personally make a commitment to the body of Christ through church membership.

I. What does it look like to belong?

Church membership



So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household.

Eph. 2:19 (NASB 1995)

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- a. Time - by devoting regular time to attending and serving in the church.

Making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

Eph 5:16

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- a. Time - by devoting regular time to attending and serving in the church.
- b. Talents - by discovering your spiritual gifts and using them in the church.

*As each one has received a special gift,
employ it in serving one another as good
stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

I Peter 4:10

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- a. Time - by devoting regular time to attending and serving in the church.
- b. Talents - by discovering your spiritual gifts and using them in the church.
- c. Treasure - by giving regularly to the church.

“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. Mal 3:8

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Squatter vs. Owner

- **Squatter** has no commitment and just utilizes your resources.
- **Owner** is committed and contribute to each other, as part of the family.

Conclusion

- The difference between being a church attendee and church membership is commitment.
 - **Attendees** want the benefits of a church without sharing the responsibilities.
 - **Church members** show that they are committed to the church by giving their Time, Talent and Treasure.