

Membership Responsibilities

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Introduction

1. Acts 2:47
2. The church ought to occupy a place of great importance in our lives Matthew 6:33
3. The church is incomparable greater than all human institutions, sectarian or fraternal.
4. What does it mean to be a member of the church?

II Discussion

1. It means:
 - a. We are a member of His body and have a function Ephesians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 12:14-31
 - i. Work on the unity of the body 1 Corinthians 1:10; 12:24
 - b. We are to be workers in the vineyard John 15:2; Matthew 20:1
 - i. Known by our fruit Luke 6:43-45
 - c. Stones in the temple of God 1 Peter 2:5
 - d. Married to Christ Romans 7:4
 - i. Keeping the church pure 2 Timothy 2:19; 1 Timothy 4:12; 5:22
 - e. Citizen in the kingdom Colossians 1:13
 - f. To be a child in God's family Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 8:17; Colossians 1:12
 - g. Watch-care and protection 1 Peter 3:12; 5:6-7
 - h. All needful things will be given Matthew 6:24-34; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Philippians 4:19
 - i. We are given correction Hebrews 12:5-13
 - j. Privilege of prayer 1 Peter 3:12
 - k. Fellowship with God and saints 1 John 1:3, 7; Romans 12:10
 - l. Hope of eternal inheritance 1 Peter 1:3-5; Colossians 1:12
 - m. To be ready to work Titus 3:1-2
 - n. Every man must prove his own work Galatians 6:4-5
 - o. The members are subject to the elders 1 Peter 5:1-5; Hebrews 13:17

III Conclusion

1. If we are going to be members of the church which Christ bought with His blood and over the which He is the head; we will have responsibilities
2. Will you fulfill your responsibilities to the church and to every one else who is a member here?
3. If you are not a member of the church then now is the time
4. If you are a member but have not be keeping up your responsibilities, the now is the time to start!

Source: the New Testament church by Roy Cogdill