

ARE YOU ON THE TEAM?

HOW TO BE A WORLD CLASS CHRISTIAN

Pastor Kevin Cummings - Part #5 – June 28, 2026

I Corinthians 12:12-13:8

I. Why should I join a church?

“You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household.” Ephesians 2:19

A. 4 key truths: (I Corinthians 12:12-24)

1. As a Christian, you _____.
 - Salvation is a change. (Matthew 18:3; II Cor. 5:17)
 - Baptism is a symbol of the change that has taken place in your life AFTER you became a believer. (Next baptism is at James River July 12th 5pm)
2. The church is a _____.
3. God expects a Christian to be a _____ of a church.
 - A Biblical reason: Christ is committed to the church.
 - A cultural reason: It is an antidote to our society.
 - A practical reason: It defines who can be counted on.
 - A personal reason: It produces spiritual growth.
4. A Christian without a church family is a _____.

B. 3 reasons why I should join a church: (I Corinthians 12:25-31)

1. To express your _____ to God.
 2. To experience Christian _____. (Philippians 2:1-2)
 3. To exercise your _____.
- The difference between attenders and members is _____ (I Corinthians 13:1-8)

II. What is Biblical church membership?

A. Biblical church membership is _____ than membership to a civic organization or country club.

1. We are all _____ of the whole.
2. We are different, but we still _____
3. Everything we say and do is to be based on _____
 - Without love, all that I say is ineffective.
 - Without love, all that I know is incomplete.
 - Without love, all that I believe is insufficient.
 - Without love, all that I give is insignificant.
 - Without love, all that I accomplish is inadequate.

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” Galatians 5:6

B. Biblical church membership is an _____ membership.

1. Too many believers are _____.
2. When I view church membership as a gift, my perspective shifts from “I _____ to” to “I _____ to.”
3. Too many believers need to stop going to church so they can _____.
 - Because of all Jesus has done, I should serve Him by serving others. (Matthew 20:16-28)
 - It’s what God expects. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - It’s one of the ways to prove I am a genuine Christian. (Acts 26:20; James 2:14-17)
 - It’s how I thank God for all He has done for me. (Romans 12:1-2)
 - It’s the secret to a fulfilled life. (I Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 6:10-12)

ACTION POINTS:

- 1.) More important than becoming a church member, is becoming a _____. (You can settle that right now, but the next New Members Class 101 is Aug. 30th @ 4pm-6pm)
- 2.) No church member should ever ask, “_____ I serve my church?”; but “_____ can I serve my church?”
- 3.) Are you an _____ church member?

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B. 3 reasons why I should join a church: (I Corinthians 12:25-31)

1. To express your commitment to God.
 2. To experience Christian unity. (Philippians 2:1-2)
 3. To exercise your gifts.
- The difference between attenders and members is commitment (I Corinthians 13:1-8)

II. What is Biblical church membership?

A. Biblical church membership is very different than membership to a civic organization or country club.

1. We are all necessary parts of the whole.
2. We are different, but we still work together.
3. Everything we say and do is to be based on love.
 - Without love, all that I say is ineffective.
 - Without love, all that I know is incomplete.
 - Without love, all that I believe is insufficient.
 - Without love, all that I give is insignificant.
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B. Biblical church membership is an active membership.

1. Too many believers are entitled.
2. When I view church membership as a gift, my perspective shifts from “I have to” to “I get to.”
3. Too many believers need to stop going to church so they can be the church.
 - Because of all Jesus has done, I should serve Him by serving others. (Matthew 20:16-28)
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- 3.) Are you an active church member?