



Committed Membership

Ps. Joseph

23 Sep 2021

1. Belonging to and being identified with a local body, where the true implications of fellowship can be worked out in corporate life. A New Covenant relationship

屬於和被當地教會認同,可以真正體驗團契生活的意義。一個新約的關係



2. The **leadership**, by God's grace, commit **themselves** to the spiritual welfare and protection of the members, practical care and concern (Eph. 4:9-16)

藉著神的恩典,教會領導承諾眾教友實際的屬靈福利、保護和關心(以弗所 4:9-16)



3. Security in the family of God. As a child knows security in the natural family, so the children of God learn security in His family

神家的安全感。如同小孩明白自然家的安全感;同樣神的兒女也要明白神家的安全感



4. Protection from wolves who would otherwise come in to tear apart and destroy (Eze. 22:27; Matt. 7:15; Acts 20:28-32; 2 Pet. 2:1)

防止豺狼來撕裂和破壞 (以西結 22:27; 馬太 7:15; 使徒行傳 20:28-32; 彼 得後書 2:1) 5. Consistent food and nourishment from God's Word; balanced spiritual diet

從神的話語中獲取食糧和營養;均衡的屬靈營養



6. Discipline (Heb. 12:5-13) correction and adjustment in the Christian life where it is needed (Gal. 6:1; 1 Thess. 5:12-14; Tit. 2:1-10)

管教(希伯來 12:5-13)、糾正和調整在基督徒生活的需要 (加拉太 6:1; 帖撒羅尼迦前書 5:12-14; 提多 2:1-10)



7. Support of the church's ministry by tithes and offerings, with the result that God opens the windows of heaven to pour out His blessing (Mal. 3:8-11; 2 Cor. 9:6-12)

透過十分一和奉獻支持教會,這樣神會打開天窗傾倒祂的福氣 (瑪拉基 3:8-11; 哥林多後 9:6-12)



8. Receiving life through the ministry of other members of the Body (Eph. 4:16; James 5:14)

藉著其他基督肢體的事工得著生命 (以弗所 4:16; 雅各 5:14)



9. Receiving life through the Communion table, and discerning the Body (1 Cor. 11:17-34)

藉著聖餐和分辨基督身體得著生命 (哥林多前 11:17-34)



 Although an adherent to the local church is cared for by the leadership, one cannot expect to receive all the blessings and benefits of the Lord's church when one is not willing to be committed to the responsibilities of membership.

儘管當地教會的信徒受到領導的照顧,當一個人不 願意做負責人的教友,就不能指望能得到主教會的 福氣和好處



 Commitment to the responsibilities of church membership opens the door to receiving and partaking in all the blessings of membership

教友對教會的責任可以得著做教友的福氣



1 Corinthians 哥林多前書 12:27

²⁷ Now you are the Body of Christ and member in particular

27 你們就是基督的身子,並且各自作肢體。



Acts 2:47

⁴⁷ The Lord added to the church daily those that were saved

47 讚美神,得眾民的喜愛。主將得救的人 天天加給他們。



I. SPIRITUAL MEMBERSHIP 屬靈教友

• In the early church the **members** were **added** 初期教會,教友加給教會

• Greek 希臘文: *Prostithemi* – (to **put** to, to **add**, or to **place** beside) to the Lord (放在、添加、放在 [主的] 旁邊)



Acts 使 徒 行 傳 5:14

¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

14信而歸主的人越發增添,連男帶女很多。



Acts 使 徒 行 傳 11:24

²⁴ For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

24 這巴拿巴原是個好人,被聖靈充滿,大 有信心。於是有許多人歸服了主。



 One must be joined in the spirit by the Spirit to the Lord to be added to the Church universal and spiritual.

一個人要在靈裡與主的靈連一起,加入神普世和屬靈的教會

• This is the **first** and **primary importance** 這是第一和主要的



2. PRACTICAL MEMBERSHIP 實際教友

• There must also be a visible and practical expression of church membership as seen in Acts 正如使徒行傳所見,還要有明顯和實際的表達教友的身份

• Acts 使徒行傳 2:42, 47



Acts 使 徒 行 傳 2:42

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

42 都 恆 心 遵 守 使 徒 的 教 訓 , 彼 此 交 接 , 擘 餅 , 祈 禱 。



Acts 使 徒 行 傳 2:47

⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

47 讚美神,得眾民的喜愛。主將得救的人 天天加給他們。



a) Added to the **Lord** (**Spiritual**) 主將得救的人加給他們(屬靈) Acts 使徒行傳 5:14; 11:24

b) Added to **them** (**Physical**) 門徒添了(體) Acts 使徒行傳 2:41

c) Added to the **Church** (**Local**) 添加給教會(當地) Acts 使徒行傳 2:12

