

Drawing Near to God

“Draw Near to God and He Will Draw Near to You...” - James 4:8

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Belonging to the Lord’s Church

1. **When** exactly is a person added to the Lord’s church? (**Acts 2:38, 41, 47; 1 Cor. 12:13**)
2. **Who** adds a person to the Lord’s church? (**Acts 2:47**)
3. What is the Lord’s church also referred to in Scripture? (**Ephesians 1:22-23**)
4. Do **all** Christians belong to the **same** church? (**Ephesians 4:4; cf. Colossians 3:15**).

Christians Only

5. Why are denominational names that honor men **wrong**? (**1 Corinthians 1:10-13**)
6. What name glorifies God instead? (**1 Peter 4:16; cf. Acts 11:26; 26:28**)
7. What will those who “wear the name of Christ” **do**? (**Colossians 3:17**)

Holding onto the Lord by Our Devotion to His Body

8. Is anyone so independent, self-sufficient, and super-capable that he/ she does not need the church? (**Ephesians 4:11-16**). Does any Christian have the right to “fly solo”?
9. How is it true that Christians **necessarily depend** on one another for spiritual strength and support? (**1 Corinthians 12:12-27**)
10. What will help prevent our “*falling away from the living God*”? (**Hebrews 3:12-14**)

Meeting Our Responsibilities to “One Another”

11. **Who** are Christians to fellowship or “receive” as one of their own? (**Romans 15:7**)
12. What love did Jesus command His disciples to have for one another? (**Jn 15:12-13**)

13. There are about 30 different “**one another**” commands given to Christians such as “*encourage one another,*” “*admonish one another,*” “*serve one another,*” and “*confess your sins to one another*” (**Rom. 12:10, 16; 14:13, 19; 15:7, 14; 1 Cor. 6:7; 12:25; Gal. 5:26; Eph. 4:25; 5:19, 21; Phil. 2:3; Col. 3:9, 13, 16; 1 Thes. 3:12; 4:18; 5:11, 13, 15; 1 Tim. 2:1; Heb. 10:24-25; Jas. 4:11; 1 Pet. 4:9, 10; 5:5, 14; 1 John 1:7**) In light of these commands, how important is it that we **maintain our fellowship** with one another?

Local Church Membership

- **Note:** There is only one *universal* body or church that is comprised of all saved people worldwide (**Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; Mat. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Heb. 12:23**), yet there are many *local* churches (**Rom. 16:16; e.g., 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Thes. 1:1**).

14. What’s the significance of Saul **joining** himself to the church in Jerusalem? (**Acts 9:26-28**) (Join from KOLLAOO = “to glue together, to cement, to fasten together” cf. **Mt. 19:5**)

15. Must **every** Christian join himself to a local church of God’s people in order to fulfill God’s will in their lives?

16. **Why** should all Christians assemble with other Christians? (**Hebrews 10:23-25**)

17. “Forsake” cannot refer to total abandonment of the practice (How can we be in the habit of something we no longer do?). How can we be certain we have obeyed this command?

18. To what were the members of the church at Jerusalem **devoted**? (**Acts 2:41-42**)

To What Local Church Should I Belong?

19. Do **all** local churches please the Lord? (e.g., **Revelation 2-3**)

20. Could my efforts to worship God be done **in vain** if I “join” myself to a local church that follows the traditions and creeds of men? (**Matthew 15:7-9**)

21. What **standard** should I always go by in choosing a local church? (**Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18; 3:17; cf. John 12:48**)