



Salvation and Local Church Membership

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The Local Church in God's Plan

- Must assemble to partake of the Lord's Supper
 - Partake weekly – Acts 20:7
 - Partake properly for the spiritual health of each member – 1 Cor. 11:27-34
- Must assemble for edification
 - The local church is to assemble **regularly** for **edification** through the word, requiring orderly worship and teaching – 1 Cor. 14:26-31
 - The local church came together for edification at times other than their Sunday worship – Acts 2:42, 46
- Must address the lives and faithfulness of its members – Heb. 10:24-25; 1 Cor. 5:1, 4-5, 11

Members Versus Attenders

- For the local church to be organized and function properly requires a great deal of work and commitment by disciples.
- Who will assure that the local church is formed and organized properly for the saved to worship and be edified?
- Who will assure that the souls of the local church are overseen and properly cared for? – 1 Tim. 3; 1 Pet. 5:1-3
- Who will assure that the local church conducts its weekly worship as God demands?
- Who will assure that proper edification takes place? – 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Cor. 14:26ff.

Making the Commitment

- The many duties and responsibilities can seem overwhelming, causing you to think...
 - That you could never do these things. So, there is no point in becoming a member.
 - That you will hold out until you can make a *meaningful* contribution.
 - You are wrong! This is how Satan wants you to think.
- If you will commit to being a member and **do what you can**, it will be valuable to God's kingdom – 1 Cor. 12:12-26