

# The UNIQUE NATURE of the CHURCH

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**Sermon Title:**

1.  a member of the church?

Scripture References:

1 Peter 2:9,10; John 13:35; Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34, 17:27; Galatians 2:6;  
Colossians 3:17; Galatians 3:28; Matthew 11:28; Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9

Answer:

2.  a member of the church?

Scripture References:

Acts 2:47; John 14:6; 2 Tim 2:10; Psalm 119:160; Romans 6:17

Answer:

3.  a member of the church?

Scripture References:

Romans 8:16-17; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 2:19; Philippians 1:1, 3:20;  
Ephesians 4:11-12; John 13:35; Hebrews 13:7, 17

Answer:

**Why does it matter to me?**

FUNDAMENTAL LOGIC

Is there a  in which one may become a member of the church?  
Where is it found?

There is a  and it is found .

## THOUGHT / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. This afternoon, did you think about the points made in the sermon, or perhaps, discuss it with your family? If so, please share your thoughts with the group.
  
2. Why are YOU a member of the church of Christ? Is it important to be a member of the church?
  
3. If you are not a member of the church of Christ, would you mind sharing with your group the reason why?
  
4. Is it important to follow the pattern, or “form of doctrine” that Paul presents in Romans 6:17 (cf. Romans 6:1-11). Is it related to, or essential for one becoming a member of the church?
  
5. How are Acts 2:47, 2 Timothy 2:10, and Galatians 3:27 related to each other?
  
6. After considering the questions and Scriptures above, is it possible to be a “member” of the church of Christ by, or through, the following circumstances / scenarios:
  - a. Because your spouse, parents, or relatives are/were members?
  - b. Because you just like the place, people, preacher, or practices?
  - c. Because you just started attending services.
  - d. Because a group of people voted and accepted you as a member?
  - e. Because you completed a required course of study?