

CCC ROOTED MEMBERSHIP P7

Being a believer in Jesus Christ includes far more than just believing, it also involves _____ and we call that membership.

Part of the Christian life is a responsibility to belong. Fifty-eight times in the bible the term, “one another” is used, it says, love one another, care for one another, help one another, encourage one another, serve one another, share with one another, pray for one another and on and on....

Biblical membership for followers of Christ is not organizational but _____ you becoming part of the local body. You are the ear here, you are the hand here, you are the foot here... using your gifts and talents to make this local body, His local church, Calvary, a healthy and functional body of Christ. What is the real difference between the organization and organic membership is this _____.

God’s word calls not being committed to a local body, a local church, spiritual _____.

Ninety percent of the time the word church is used in the bible it is talking about a specific local body... the church that meets in Lydia’s home, the church that meets in Corinth, the church in Riva, Calvary Community Church. A specific congregation of people

“In Christ, we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5 (NIV)

A thousand years from today if Jesus Christ hasn’t come back there won’t be a United States of America. No kingdom last forever. Where is the Hittite Kingdom, the Roman Emperor Kingdom, their gone! No kingdom, no political identity will last forever. But thousand years from today if Jesus Christ **has or hasn’t** come back there still is going to be a _____.

God created the entire universe, **just** so He could created this Galaxy, **just** so He could create this planet earth, **just** so it would tilt on a axes at **just** the right angle to support human life, if we tilted

one degree this way we would burn up or one degree that way we would freeze up... **just** so He could create the human race, **just** so some of those people He created would choose to become a part of His family and except His grace. **Just** so He could have a family, so He made human race and create you **just** so He could _____.

The church is not a building to sit in... it’s not an event to go to; the church is actually a family to _____. It’s all about belonging and the bible says it is going to outlast your physical family. Physical families don’t last. They grow up, they die, there’s divorce, separation. Physical families don’t last but the Body of Christ, the Family of God will last _____.

It’s all about _____.

“...let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers.” Gal 6:10 (NIV)

We need to understand that we are **not** organizationally connected here at Calvary but organically connected with our gifts and our talents to be used for one another.

Church History

Fifty, a hundred years ago people joined churches out of and act of conformity. In other words you did it because every body else did it. If you wanted to be a respected person in your community, to be seen as a person of morals and values you joined a church.

Today most Christian don’t believe that... but they erroneously believe they can be a “Good Christian, a follower of Christ” without being attached too a local church body. Listen carefully, **“It is a _____”** If you think you can be a Good Christian, a follower of Christ without being attached too a local church body. You believe a lie. And what is a lie, believing something contrary to God’s word; and if it is against God, we call that, _____.

Belonging is **not** an act of conformity but of commitment. I committed my life to Jesus Christ now I commit my life to serve in His local church with my gifts and talents, we call that membership, to love you, care for you, help you, encourage you, serve you, share with you, pray for you. It is an act of commitment and that is what “Rooted Belonging” is all about