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Member(s)

A member is a person who belongs to a social group or an entity such as a company or nation.

A person who belongs to a club, political party, etc.

I Corinthians 12 : 12 – 14, 18 – 20, 27

‘melos’ - a limb or part of the body; a member

Ephesians 2 : 14 – 19

‘oikeios’ - domestic, that is, (as noun), a relative; belonging to a house or family, the household of God

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Why do I need to join, I'm already a member of the Church?

I don't need to join, I'm already a member of the Church.

However, the Bible teaches that Membership to both Universal and Local is mandatory.

How you become be a member.

Why you should a member.

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How you become a Member

It starts with being, or becoming, a member of the Church (Universal)

Acts 9 : 6; 17 - 18

Saul was not a Christian but he had the Want.

“Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Saul did what he was told to do.

“...why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized...”

(Acts 22:16)

If the Church is the body of Christ – then one cannot be a member either Universal or Local unless they are a Christian.

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How you become a Member

You must desire to be a member of the Church (Local)

Acts 9 : 26 – 30

When Saul came to Jerusalem; he wanted to be a member with the Church (Local)

“...he tried to join the disciples...”

‘kallao’ – to glue, that is, (passively or reflexively) to stick (figuratively); to join or fasten firmly together, to join one’s self to, cleave to

Without a desire to be a member of the Church (Local) one cannot be one.

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Why do I need to join a Church (Local), I'm already a member of the Church (Universal)?

Was Saul a member of the Church (Universal)? – Yes

“And the Lord added to the church...those...being saved.”

Was Saul a member of the Church (Local)?

No – But what about Acts 9 : 19?

Why do I need to join, I've visited for “some days?”

Visiting ≠ Glued together (joined)

I don't need to join a Church (Local), I'm already a member of the Church.

If Saul was already a member of the Church (Local), then why did he try and number himself with them?

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Why you should be a member

To grow with

Acts 16 : 4 – 5

Who was strengthened?

The Churches (Local)

To protect / for protection

Acts 20 : 17, 28

Who were the Elders at Ephesus to protect?

The Church (Local) at Ephesus

To build up / be built up

I Corinthians 14 : 12

Who was to be edified?

The Church (Local) at Corinth

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You must be a member

“Perks” only go to members

Perk - perk or perks, is a short form of the word perquisite

a thing regarded as a special right or privilege enjoyed as a result of one's position

I John 1 : 3

“...fellowship...”

‘koinonia’ – partnership, that is, (literally)
participation; the share which one has in anything

Remember – only Christians can be Members