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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Membership of the Church of Christ (Universal)

If the people make up the church, then what makes the people the church? The answer is simple—Membership.

In our series on Membership, we will look at three different levels. Universal, Local, and Pleasant Valley.

The Universal, or Global, Church is comprised of all of us who bare the name of Christ as our Savior. The Lord Himself, adds us to the Church once we are saved.

To obtain membership to the Universal Church one must do certain things. To maintain a good standing in the Universal Church one must live a certain life. All of which can be found in the “membership manual” — the Bible.

The Bible is clear when it speaks of the Church of Christ. It is clear when it speaks to how many will depart from the faith after false doctrines. We can see in today’s society just how many “churches” there are in the world today, and each of these “churches” require membership with standards of entrance.

In the lesson this morning we discuss the Church the Bible speaks of, what it takes to be a member, how you become a member, and what you get for your membership.

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* Member(s)

A person who belongs to a social group or entity

‘melos’ - a limb or part of the body

* Common thoughts about the “Church”

Attend the church of your choice.

We are all going to heaven just by different roads.

The Bible teaches there is only One Church

* Why you should be a member

It is the only true Kingdom on earth—Daniel 2 : 31—35

Its King has the only authority to help you—Matthew 28 : 18

* How you become a member

First—you must want to be a member

Second—you do what is required

* What you get with membership

Salvation of your soul—I Peter 3 : 21

Access to our Father—Ephesians 2 : 17—18

A never failing Kingdom—Matthew 16 : 18

* You must be a member

“Perks” only go to members

The ransomed shall return—Isaiah 51 : 11