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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 (Local)

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

In our first lesson we took Step 1 by studying the Why you need to be, How to be, and What you get with your Membership of the Church of Christ Universal. Now that we take Step 2 by understanding Local membership.

The Local Church, or Congregation, is comprised of a group of people who bear the name of Christ as their Savior in a centralized area. The Lord Himself, adds us to the Church (Universal) once we are saved, however, we play a role in where our Local membership lies. Similar to the Universal Church once must do certain things and live a certain life to maintain membership to the Local Church. But the real question is, “Do you need to become a Member to a Local Church since you are already a Member of the Universal Church?”

When we study Local Membership, we see a closer bond between Christians than at the Universal level. In a Congregation, Christians become like a close family. They know each other, care for one another, protect one another, and love each other deeply. Let us this morning understand Membership of the Church Local. (Local).

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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 “Local Church”

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.

The Bible teaches that Membership to both Universal and Local is mandatory

* How you become a Member

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

Only Christians can be Members

You must desire to be a member

Saul wanted to be a member

* Why you should be a member

To grow with; To protect/for protection;

To build up / be built up

Second—you do what is required

* You must be a member

“Perks” only go to members

I John 1 : 3—Fellowship