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Topic: **What the Bible says of Church Membership**

Scripture Text: Acts 2:37-47; 1 Cor 12:12-27

1. In the Bible, the Greek meaning for Church means the called out ones. It refers to the assembly of believers in Christ. The Church is never about a building. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. He redeemed the Church with His precious blood by dying on the cross for us.
2. The Church is called the Body of Christ. Believers in the Church are the members of this one Body in Christ. Members of the Church have biblical responsibilities to fulfill and should not act any way they fancy.
3. Every member has a place in the Body life in the Church and is mutually dependent on each other. We ought to be of one mind and one heart in the Church and to love one another. There should be order in the Church too. God has ordained elders and deacons to be the leaders of the Church.
4. In Acts 2:42, we learn the Church should be committed to: Apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread (Lord's Supper) and prayers. This is a powerful testimony to the world when the Church obeys the Word of God in this manner.
5. No member should take his Church for granted. Instead, he should pray and serve faithfully in the Church for the glory of God and edification of the members of the Church.