

Meaningful Church Membership

“Church Members Are Called to a Life of Unity”

Ephesians 4:1-16

Introduction: When we think about church membership, we must always _____ those thoughts on the teachings of the Christ of the church. We are to _____ what He says is most important because He is the head of the church. As our head, Jesus has called us to live as a united body where He is _____, and we are _____ in His likeness.

1. Christian unity is one of the _____ of our Christian life. (vv.1-3)
 - a. A worthy life is the MISSION of every believer in Christ. (1)
 - b. A worthy life is one MARKED by these habits. (2-3)
2. Christian unity is established on the _____ of the nature of God. (vv. 4-6)
 - a. Christian unity results from the SPECIAL work of the Spirit.
 - b. Christian unity is born from the SAVING work of the Son.
 - c. Christian unity highlights the SOVEREIGN place of the Father.
3. Our individual _____ are intended to foster unity within the church. (vv. 7- 16)
 - a. These gifts are expressions of the GRACE of Christ.
 - b. These gifts are for the GLORY of Christ.
 - c. These gifts are for the GROWTH of the church.

Food for Thought:

- Have you truly _____ your life to Christ?
- In what ways are you _____ the unity of your local church?
- How are you purposefully _____ your gift(s) for the good of the church?

