

**“Join!”**  
*Selected Scriptures*  
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**A. General Principles About Membership**

1. Membership is a formal mark of identity and belonging.
2. Membership is a formal sign of commitment and accountability.
3. God required membership in the Old Testament (Numbers 1-2).
4. Synagogues required formal membership (John 9:22).
5. Jesus’ teaching implies definite membership (Luke 15:4-6).
6. Heaven has a formal membership (Revelation 20:11-15).

**B. Specific Principles about Church Membership**

7. The first church had a definite membership (Acts 5:13-14).
8. Baptism implies membership (Acts 2:41).
9. Paul’s teaching requires membership (1 Timothy 5:9; Romans 16).
10. Church leadership requires membership (1 Peter 5:1-5; Hebrews 13:17).
11. Church discipline requires membership (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5)