

Why Membership



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Why Membership Is Important

THEOLOGICAL VIEW

Membership is Implied in the Bible

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1 Widows

1 Widows were enrolled on a list or a system within the church. 1 Timothy 5:9

2 Of Us

2 They were not of us...this shows a distinction between two groups. 1 John 2:19

3 Remove this man

3 Put this man out of the FELLOWSHIP ... 1 Corinthians 5:2

4 Majority Punishes

4 The majority decides how to discipline the man. 2 Corinthians 2:6

5 Spur One Another On

5 This implies that there is a group that is distinct that you spurred on. Hebrews 10:24-25

EXPLAINS THE
SYSTEM

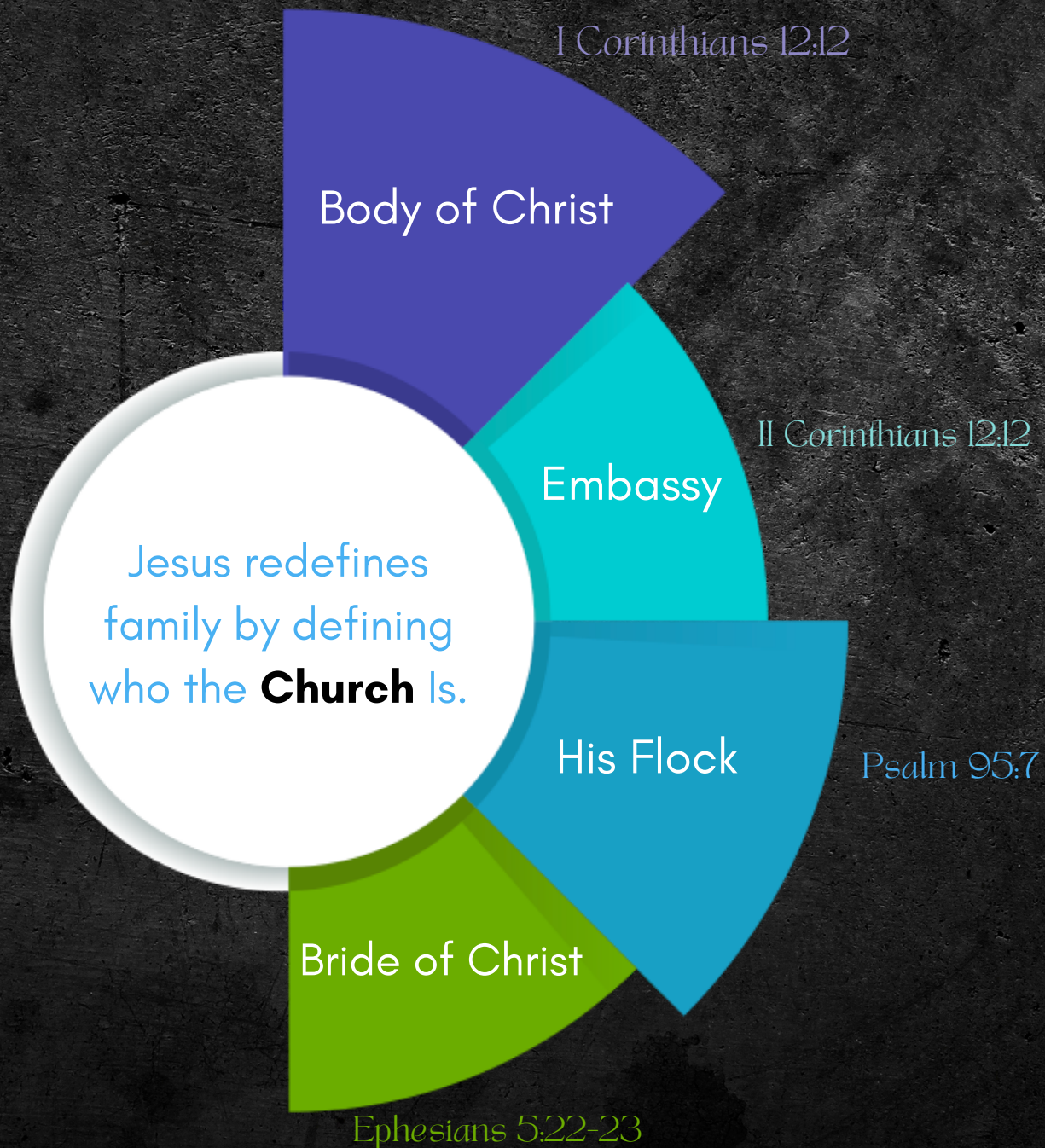


EXPLAINS THE
STANDARD THEY
ARE HELD TO



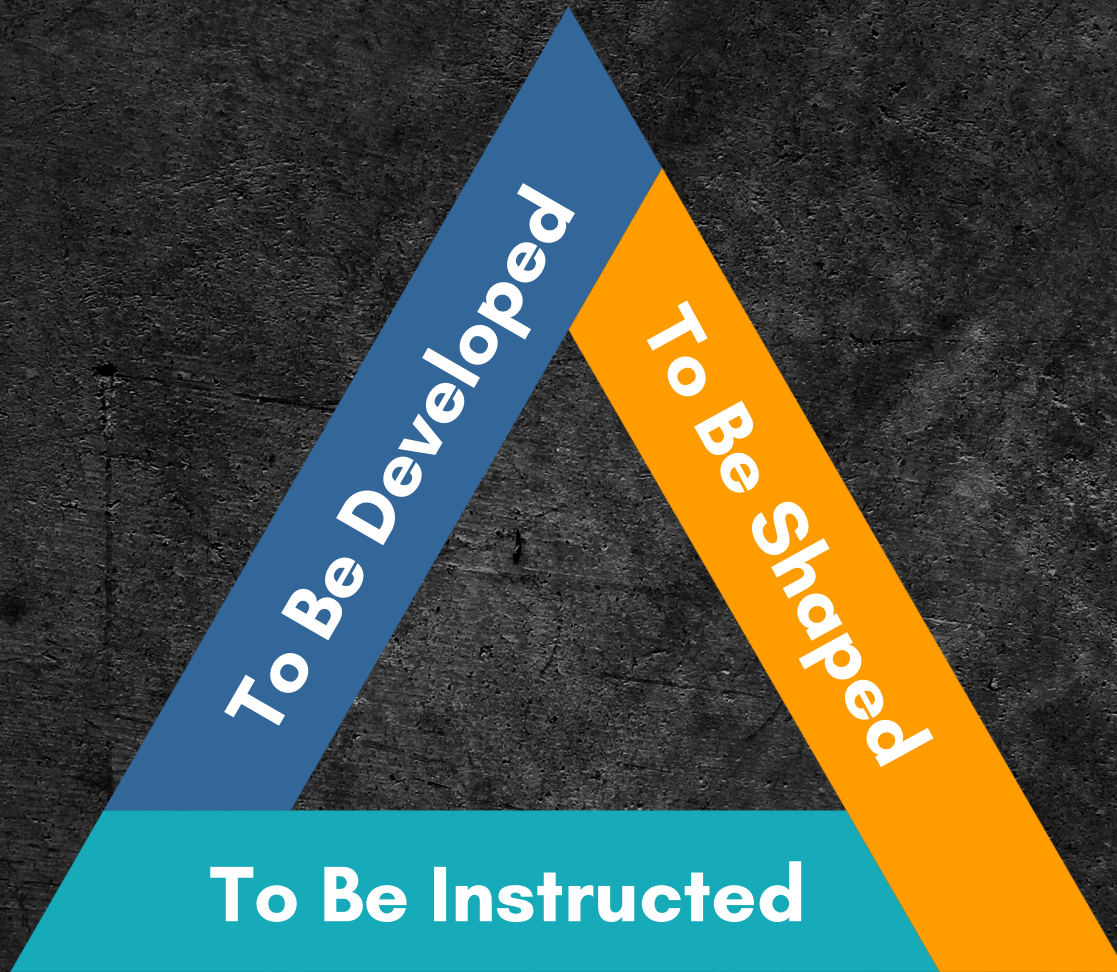
Metaphors of the Church

DESCRIPTIONS



Emphasize with Gen-Z and Millennial generations because they are challenged with being in a group.

Reasons for Membership



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

I Thess 5:11

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

Galatians 6:6

But now, Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter, And all of us are the work of Your hand

Isaiah 64:8

What Church Membership

COMMUNICATES

I can
make deep
commitments

I am a
contributor
here not a
consumer

I have an
awareness
that I am NOT
self-sufficient

I am willingly
placing myself
under
leadership

I choose to
live counter-
culture

Why do people shy away from membership because we don't like being under authority. But authority is a GIFT from God.

Benefits to Membership

TO BELONGING

1 PASTORAL CARE

We do our best to care for everyone, however, those who are members of ONE receive priority for care. [1 Peter 5:2](#)

3 BUILD A LEGACY

You see and get an opportunity to participate in generational progress. [Psalm 78:5-8](#)

5 GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR OBEDIENCE AND THEN BLESSINGS

Jesus did not die to rescue you and then give you a church to help you along. Jesus died for the church, and he invites you to be part of it. [Ephesians 5:25](#)

2 FLOURISH IN HEALTH

Membership provides an opportunity for greater spiritual health for self and family due to accountability. [Philippians 2:3](#)

4 ADD VALUE TO SELF

You get to be a part of God's world-shaping, world-changing, world-reaching program. WE are His hands and feet. [Rom. 12:4-5](#)

6 BENEVOLENCE

Here at OCC we offer benevolence to those who are in need of it, membership qualifies the individual or family for it. [Galatians 6:10](#)

7 POSITIONS YOU TO BE ON MISSION

Jesus did not die to rescue you and then give you a church to help you along. Jesus died for the church, and he invites you to be part of it. [Matthew 28:19](#)

How we Shepherd

THE FLOCK



