

Message Notes

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Together: Belonging to Community
Romans 12:5
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Belonging to the church

- ◆ Being in _____ is one of the primary ways God transforms His people.
- ◆ The good thing about institutions is they are bigger than _____.
- ◆ The church is so much _____ than an institution. But it's not than one.

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:5

- ◆ Three dimensions of belonging to the church:
 - Spiritual ——— _____.
 - Relational ——— _____.
 - Institutional ——— _____.
- ◆ All Christians belong to the _____—not just churches—THE church. (Eph. 4:4–6; Gal. 3:26–29)
- ◆ Relational belonging is achieved through _____. (Rom. 13:8; Col. 3:12–15)

The practice of church membership

- ◆ The notion of Christians belonging to congregations in particular places under the _____ of ordained leaders is biblical.
- ◆ Membership assumes the _____ of spiritual authority. (Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:2–3)
- ◆ A church is not a church without spiritual _____.
- ◆ Why join a church?
 - Join a church to hold _____ accountable.
 - Join a church to hold _____ accountable.
 - Join a church because the _____ of Christ has no vestigial organs.
- ◆ Do I really belong to the church as a contributing in the common life?

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