

Church Membership: A Cause for Wonder and Awe

Hebrews 12:22-24

Membership in a local church is a visual preview of our membership in Christ's church in heaven.

Coming to Mt Zion serves as a picture of the church drawing near to God in a warm, confident relationship that bursts forth in exultation.

Mt Zion

The New Testament portrays our present life in the church as a foretaste of this final, perfect assembly. Whenever the local church assembles, we experience a preview of the glory of the new heavens and earth...it is in the assembly of the church that we experience the clearest foretaste of these heavenly realities. Our membership in the church is meant to be a pointer to our membership in God's heavenly assembly.

9Marks, *Committing To One Another: Church Membership*, p. 45

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“a festal assembly, a joyful gathering to
celebrate a festival”

General Assembly

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- III. You have come to Jesus our redeemer (24).