Membership: Life Together in The Body

Membership in Ephesians Message

Membership in Jesus' body is defined by our distinctiveness in relation to Him

Identity



Standard



Function

Identity: We are members of Christ's body

One with Christ "in Him"
(Eph 1:1-4; 13-14)

The church is the body of Christ (1:23)

This church is a new entity (2:15)

Has Christ for its foundation (2:19-22)

This church had been a mystery (3:6) Empowered by the Holy Spirit who sealed us in Christ (5:18)

Membership: Life Together in The Body (Eph 1-6)

Standard: We aim to fully manifest His character

We diligently strive to live worthy of our calling

(Eph 4:1-3; 17, 24; 5:1-2; 8; 15-17)

We strive to live up to the standard of Jesus' personal character (4:13)

Another high standard is truthfulness

(4:15, 25; 6:14)

Membership: Life Together in The Body (Eph 1-6)

Function: We diligently serve for His glory

We direct attention to Christ's glory (Eph 5:22-33) We help one another grow into His likeness

(4:11-16)

We strive to please Him (5:10)

We stand side-by-side protecting Jesus' body from spiritual enemies (Eph 6:10-20)

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