

winning together

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Being committed to Christ includes being committed to His Church.

The New Testament repeatedly calls believers to **unity**

Sermon Series Recap: Back To The Basics

Jesus' Church, What is a disciple, Stages of Growth, Spiritual Maturity, Unity, Membership

Why "membership"?

Meaningful commitments involve shared expectations and responsibilities.

Why "covenant"?

Because our commitment is made before God and shaped by our relationship with Him.

Why sign?

Because we are knowingly and willingly committing to being all in.

We believe being committed to Christ includes His Church — universally & locally

Philippians 2:1-5 (NLT) Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Church commitment isn't merely agreeing with a set of beliefs or signing a document; it's choosing to love, serve, and pursue unity together with Jesus' people.

Being committed to Christ and His church here at Real Life Ministries means... (prereqs)

- 1. You have committed your life to Jesus Christ and accepted Him as your Lord & Savior.**
- 2. You have been baptized by immersion.** (Matthew 28:18-20)
- 3. You are in agreement with Real Life Ministries' doctrinal statements.**
Both our doctrines that are essential for salvation & the doctrines essential for unity. (Jude 3)
- 4. You are in agreement with Real Life Ministries' ministry strategies.**
Vision, mission, process (SCMD), definition of a disciple (Matthew 4:19)

5. You are in agreement with Real Life Ministries leadership structure.

Jesus, elders, pastors, coaches, volunteers (1 Timothy 3:1-7, Ephesians 4:11-16)

Membership Covenant: Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior and having been baptized, and being in agreement with Real Life Ministries' statements, strategy and structure, I now feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with the Real Life Ministries family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and the other members. Therefore:

I will protect the unity of our church

- I will love people enough to pursue peace rather than gossip or division.

I will share in the vision of our church

- I will take ownership of the mission rather than treating church as a service I consume.

I will serve the ministry of our church

- I will use what God has given me to help others grow.

I will support the testimony of our church

- I will live, attend, give faithfully, and participate in ways that reflect Jesus to the world.

Next Steps:

Examine: Am I as committed to Jesus' Church as I say I am to Jesus?

Identify: Is anything keeping me from greater commitment to a local church?

Act: What's my next step toward greater commitment to Jesus' Church?

- Explore what it means to follow Jesus.
- Get baptized.
- Learn more about Real Life Ministries.
- Commit to regular weekend worship.
- Join a discipleship small group.
- Begin serving.
- Pursue membership.
- Address an unresolved concern or conflict.

Disciple-Makers: What's one next step you can help someone you're discipling take toward greater commitment to Jesus and His church?

