



Redeemer Bible Church Membership Commitment of Fellowship

Biblical Basis for Church Membership:

Church membership is a mutual commitment between a Christian and a congregation to disciple one another. Below is a brief list of examples of church membership:

- Both the church in Rome and the church in Corinth are called the body of Christ, in which there are many members (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-31). God gives to each member a spiritual gift to be used in the context of the local church.
- Letters confirming members and leaders in good standing were common in ancient times and also appear in the New Testament (1 Cor. 16:3; 2 Cor. 3:1-3; 1 Pet. 5:12-14; 3 John 12).
- Several passages have lists of people who are clearly associated with a church and recognized by the church as being associated (Rom. 16; Col. 4:7-17; Philm. 1-2).
- Pastors are called to shepherd the flock that is among them, exercising oversight (Acts 20:29-30; 1 Pet. 5:1-5; Heb. 13:17). The only way to know who the flock is, who has submitted to oversight, and who is to be protected is through membership.
- In most cases, for there to be meaningful church discipline for unrepentant sin, a church would have to have previously accepted a person as a member of the church (Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:3-13).
- The apostle Paul calls on the Corinthians to forgive a sinful brother because the punishment by the majority is enough (2 Cor. 2:5-11). The majority is the larger part of a defined body of people.

Qualifications for Membership:

1. Profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for salvation.
2. Water baptism by immersion.
3. Have read and are in agreement with RBC's Bylaws and Statement of Faith.
4. Have attended a membership class(es) at RBC or an elder-approved equivalent.
5. Have turned in a completed membership application to one of the elders and completed a membership interview with one of the elders.
6. Have been in regular attendance at Redeemer Bible Church for at least 4 months.

Expectations of Membership:

- Regular attendance of Sunday morning services and other corporate activities as are able.
- To be diligent to personally study the Bible in order to increase in godliness, to minister to other believers, maintain the purity of the gospel at RBC.
- To live in humility and love toward other believers.
- To pray with and for the ministry of Redeemer Bible Church.
- To conduct ourselves with godliness in private and public as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- To contribute as the Lord has blessed us to the financial support of the church.
- Prayerful and thoughtful input and activity in the church ministry.