

What is My Place in the Church?

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Introduction: 1Tim. 3:15

- A. Christians must be active members of local congregations - Acts 9:26-28
 - 1. We have responsibilities to that church that we do not have to other congregations
 - 2. We must be careful and faithful to fulfill those obligations.
- B. We often limit our view of those obligations to public service and observable behaviors
 - 1. Heb. 10:25; 1Cor. 11:28, 16:2; Eph. 4:11
 - 2. While these are important matters that must not be overlooked, they are not the only important matters that must not be overlooked
- C. The church is the "House of God" - 1Tim. 3:15. Therefore, Christians must:
 - 1. Love all of the other children in God's family - 1Peter 2:17
 - 2. Seek always to do his brethren good - 1Tim. 6:18
 - 3. Set a good example for them, to share with them and help them as brothers and sisters - Rom. 14:17, 15:1

I. WHAT IS MY PLACE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH?

- A. Rom. 12:10 - Be devoted to one another, give preference to one another.
 - 1. This person is rare in our world; contemporary wisdom states that your needs and desires come first
- B. Rom. 12:16, 15:5-6 - Be of the same mind toward one another.
- C. Rom. 13:8 - Love one another.
- D. Rom. 14:13 - Do not judge one another
 - 1. Assumes the best about others until proven otherwise
- E. Rom. 14:19 - Pursue the things that make for edification and peace.
- F. Rom. 15:7 - Accept one another.
- G. Rom. 15:14 - Admonish one another - 1Thes. 5:14
- H. Gal. 5:13 - Serve one another.
- I. Gal. 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens.
- J. Eph. 4:1-2 - Show forbearance to one another.
- K. Eph. 4:32 - Be kind to one another.
- L. Eph. 5:18-19 - Teach and encourage each other in song
- M. Col. 3:9 - Be honest with each other.
- N. Col. 3:12-13 - Be patient and forgiving with each other, including the frequently falling who make it difficult
- O. John 17:20-21 - Be one with God and His children
 - 1. How it is done - 1Cor. 1:10; Phil. 2:5; Eph. 4:1-3
- P. Eph. 6:18-19 - Pray for each other.

Conclusion:

- A. These are the works all members of a local congregation must do in order to maintain their place in the local church.