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Church Membership***

Acts 2:41-47, et al.

- 1. God's plan is that every believer should belong to a local church.**

Hebrews 13:17

**“Obey them that have the rule over you,
and submit yourselves: for they watch
for your souls, as they that must give
account, that they may do it with joy,
and not with grief: for that is
unprofitable for you.”**

- A. Believers are to follow and submit to church leaders.**
- B. Elders are to lead and shepherd a flock.**
- C. There are times when church discipline requires that some be “put away” or put out of the church**

- D. The early church took note numerically of those being added to the church.**
- E. Elections were held to identify people from “among you” to address a problem.**
- F. There were provision whereby the church cared for certain widows.**
- G. In his salutations, Paul identifies different believers with different local assemblies.**

- 1. God's plan is that every believer should belong to a local church.**
- 2. God's plan is that only believers should be *members* of the local church.**
- 3. God has ordained baptism as a means by which a believer publically identifies not only with Jesus, but also with the church.**