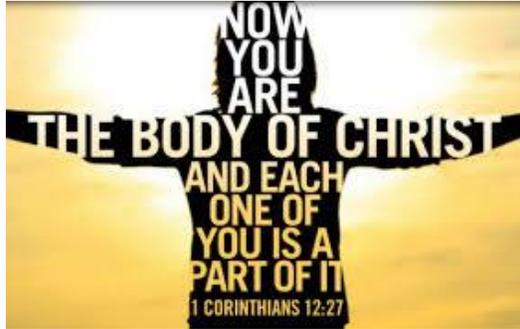


## LIVING LIKE A MEMBER OF GOD'S FAMILY



If you are saved by grace through faith in Jesus, you ALREADY ARE a member of God's family. This is the primary membership that is referenced in the Bible. This membership is a gift, something to be treasured. It's not a legalistic obligation. When we trust Jesus as Savior we identify with Him through baptism and with the other members of His body through a local church.

*"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. ... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it."*

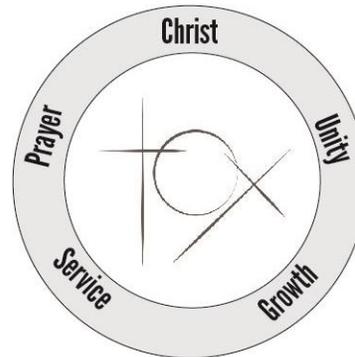
*1 Corinthians 12:12, 27*

Membership at Calvary Fellowship represents our commitment to live out Jesus' mission to go and make disciples, living and loving more like Jesus and helping others to do the same. Connected, as a family of believers, we commit to love one another, build each other up into Christ and lead others to do the same. While all Christians are a part of the universal Church, God's word gives clear instruction to belong to a specific local church.

In a recent Sermon Series called *I Love My Church*, we reminded our church family of the joy and privilege of being a member of the body of Christ and we incorporated the theme of being CONNECTED in various ways as members of a local church.

As a follower of Jesus you are not only *Connected in Christ*, but as members of God's household we are also ...

- Connected in Unity
- Connected in Growth
- Connected in Service
- Connected through Prayer



How is being a member of a church like being part of a family?

What kinds of things get in the way of us viewing church membership as a privilege?

Additional Resource:

I Am A Church Member by Thom Rainer