

Membership: Club Status or Kingdom Submission?

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Two Very Different Questions: -Who Gets into our Church?
 -Or, Who Makes Up Jesus' Church?

1. Covenanted _____ ...

Biblically, Jesus Followers are Characterized in three ways:

A) _____

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.” 1 John 4:1-3

B) _____

“The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel” Mark 1:15

C) _____

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...” Matt. 28:19-20

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and **be baptized every one of you...**’” Acts 2:42

“**We were buried therefore with him by baptism** into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Rom 6:4

1. Covenanted Jesus Followers _____ ...

Q1: *What is Christ's Purpose for His People?*

“...that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you _____ in the world.” (Phil. 2:15)

Q2: How is Christ's Purpose for His People Accomplished?

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be _____ of Christ,

Q3: How do Christ's People Reveal Christ's Purpose?

so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in **one spirit**, with **one mind striving** _____ for the faith of the gospel...^{2:1} So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the **same mind**, having the **same love**, being in **full accord** and of **one mind**. (Phil. 1:27-2:2)

Q4: What is the Secret to this Kingdom Revelation?

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility _____ than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Phil. 2:3-4)

Q5: How is this Possible?

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, _____, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. (Phil. 2:5-8)

2. Covenanted Jesus Followers Submitting to One Another _____.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus _____, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil. 2:9-11)

Eight Practical Ways We Submit to One Another:

1. P _____

2. P _____

3. S _____

4. A _____

5. F _____

6. V _____

7. E _____

8. S _____