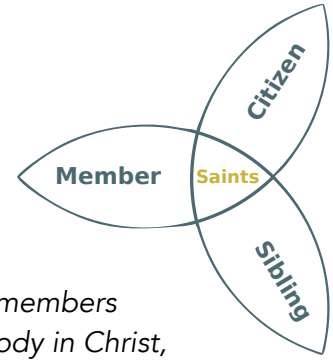


Member.Sibling.Citizen.SAINTS series
Week 3 outline
11/17/19



Members in One Body

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Romans 12:4-5

My Memberships in Costco and PTR (Professional Tennis Registry)

- Decide
- Become
- Complete paperwork
- Pay
- List
- Formality finished
- For me
- Know stuff/demonstrate proficiency

Being a Member of Rockbridge Church

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Romans 12:4-5

But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

1 Corinthians 12:18

But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:24-27

And in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church.

Colossians 1:24

To Summarize —

- So, a “member” is a functioning part of a local church, like Rockbridge Church
- So, as a member you are connected, you belong, you are distinct, you are equal, you are useful, you are needed, you are fulfilled, you are here
- So, a member is different than a citizen (of an eternal kingdom) and a sibling (of a worldwide, extended family)
- So, the gospel makes me a member; it answers the “what do I have to do?” question

Costco versus Rockbridge Church

Costco Membership

- Decide
- Become
- Complete paperwork
- Pay up
- List
- Formality finished
- For me
- Know stuff and demonstrate proficiency

Rockbridge Church

- God makes me
- Am
- Connect with people
- Plug in
- Life
- Function continually
- For you
- Know Jesus and demonstrate dependence

What Now?

Plug in

Engage

Live RbC’s vision

Grow

Get your name on some lists (because you **are** a member)

Serve

Give

Receive

Create opportunities for others to see, hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ

Be the member you are meant to be as a functioning part of Rockbridge Church!