

II. A Biblical View of Membership

A. Of course we believe in the invisible Church, evident to God's eye alone, but we are told to accept the visible Church and remain in communion with it. (John Calvin)

B. In the New Testament

1. 1 Timothy 5
2. I Corinthians 5:1
3. Phil. 4:3; Rev. 21:27) – Heaven's Record
4. A weakness of the church today

C. Responsibilities of Church membership

1. A commitment to worship together – Hebrews 10: 23-25
2. A commitment to obey church leaders – Hebrews 13:17
3. A commitment to hold them accountable – Hebrews 13:7
4. A commitment to being held accountable – Eph. 4:11-16
5. An affirmation of true saving faith – Jude 1-4
6. A responsibility to proactive the "One Another Commands"
 - a. See Handout