

**1. The Images Used to Describe the Church Demand Your Commitment.**

**The Kingdom of God** - just who are the citizens? What privileges and responsibilities do they have?

**The Assembly of God** - when the assembly is assembled, who may we expect to gather?

**The Family of God** - how many seats must be set around the table?

**The Body of Christ** - to have members missing is to have an "amputated" and "handicapped" body.

**The Temple/Building of God, each of us being individual stones** - won't the building collapse without the presence of all?

**The Flock of God** - surely the shepherd counts the flock each night before sleep?

**The Branches of the Vine** - we must know who is connected and who is not.

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**2. The God-given Responsibilities of Church Leaders Demand Knowing Who Belongs and Who Does Not.**

**3. The Obligations of Every Christian to His Church Leaders Demand a Clear Relational Commitment**

- Acts 20:28
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
- Hebrews 13:17
- 1 Peter 5:1-5a
- Matthew 18:15-18

**4. The Well-being of Christ's Church Demands Your Commitment.**

**5. The Well-being of Your Soul Demands Your Commitment.**

- Ephesians 4:7-16
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
- Hebrews 10:19-25

Just think of all the one-anothering passages of the Bible (only a sampling is listed here):

- John 13:34f
- Rom. 12:10,16; 13:8; 14:13; 15:5, 7, 14; 16:16
- Eph. 4:2, 32; 5:19, 21
- 1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11
- Heb. 3:13; 10:24f
- Jas. 5:16
- 1 Pet. 3:8; 4:8ff

