

The Church

Colossians 1:15-21; Ephesians 1:22-23

- What is the head's role in the body? Direct and lead the body.

Membership of the Church: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- When a person is baptized into Christ, they become a member of his body, which is the church.
- It is important to be part of a healthy, spiritual body.
- Others in the body need you, and you need others in the body of Christ [12-27]

Support of the Church: 1 Corinthians 16:1-4; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- Your financial contributions pays for facilities, staffing, helping the poor, supplies, missions, etc.
- OT standard of giving is 10%.
- NT does not specify any specific amount, but it does live up the example of those whose "extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity."

Leadership of the Church: Ephesians 4:11-13; Hebrews 13:17, 24; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

- God's plan for the church includes leadership. Leaders play a crucial role in equipping disciples to be their best for God.
- It is important to be supportive towards ALL facets of leadership in the church.