

A GOSPEL ISSUE

[1 Corinthians 15:1-5; 2 Peter 1:3-11]

If the gospel is “of first importance” then _____ issue is a gospel issue

3 Blind Spots:

Our _____

we underestimate the _____ & _____ of indwelling sin

our new _____ in Jesus

God’s _____

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MEMBERS & CHURCH

1. The church’s very existence _____ around the message of the gospel, the gospel of Jesus - our Savior & Lord [1 Corinthians 15:1-5]
2. Christians are _____ to individual churches [Acts]
3. Christians _____ identify themselves as _____ [Acts 8:32, 11:32, 11:26]
4. Christians possess a special _____ & _____ identity when assembled [1 Corinthians 5:4]
5. The first step of the Christian life is [_____] baptism [Acts]
6. Christians are commanded to _____ their relationships with unbelievers [2 Corinthians 6:14]

7. The _____ & _____ of the local church shape & orient the lives of its members [Romans 12:3-16; 1 Peter 4:8-11]
8. Christian leaders are made _____ for _____ sheep [1 Peter 5:2]
9. Christians are _____ to submit to specific leaders [Hebrews 13:17]
10. Christians _____ false teachers from the fellowship [1 John 2:19; Titus 3:10]

Definitions:

- 1]. To be a Christian is to _____ to a church
- 2]. A church is a group of Christians who gather _____ in Jesus' name to officially _____ & _____ one another's membership in Jesus Christ & his kingdom.
- 3]. Church membership is a declaration of _____ in God's Kingdom; and a formal relationship between a church and a Christian characterized by the church's _____ & _____ of a Christian's _____ & the Christian's submission to _____ their discipleship in the _____ of the church

RELATIONAL COMMITMENTS CHART

CHURCH [pastors/elders]	MEMBERSHIP