

For the next few Sundays we will be talking about church membership. We are doing this as part of our morning worship services in harmony with our sister Spanish speaking congregation. As our two churches move toward oneness as a local church we are inviting members of El Calvario to become official members of Calvary Baptist Church. Their church was birthed in this place and many of their church family actually were saved here when they trusted Christ as their Savior. After meeting in other places from 1996 until 2018, they returned to Calvary and we have been engaged in ministry together over the past two years. The leaders of both congregations created a Unity Task Force to forge ahead with plans to truly bring us together as one church. We invite everyone from both of our congregations to take the next step of becoming an official member of Calvary Baptist Church – one church meeting and ministering in Spanish and English to our community in the name of Christ. So let's talk about Christ and His Church/church.

What is the difference between the Church and our church?

How have the Church and churches impacted you?

Why should I be a member of a local church?

How do I become a member of this local church?

What does it mean to be a Christian? Am I certain I am a Christian? How does someone become a Christian?

- The difference between a religion and a relationship with God:

- Self-improvement plans fall far short:

- God's plans never fail and His plan for our salvation is simply Jesus
- John 3:16; 10:27-30; 11:25-26; 17:3; 20: 31; Romans 10:9-11; 1 John 5:11-13
- So, the question is, what have you done with Jesus.
- Have you admitted to yourself and to God that you are a sinner, in desperate need of a savior?
- Have you put your trust in Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, God's only solution for your sin problem? Do you know for certain that your sins are forgiven, and that the gift of God, which is eternal life, is yours in Christ? Remember the promise of God: *"These things are written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."* (1 John 5:13)

Why should a Christian consider Believer's Baptism? (See the attached/enclosed brochure.)



The Church and our church

What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper/Communion?

Matthew 16:18; 18:17

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Next week: What do we believe and why?

