

2. Evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 6:4; 13:13, 14; Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1, 2, 15; 1 John 1:6, 7).

3. Baptism in water (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-5).

4. Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) or a diligent seeking for the baptism in the Spirit (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4).

5. To fully subscribe to the "Statement of Fundamental Truths."

6. Assuming of stewardship responsibilities by attendance, by service, and by willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the church as God prospers you (Proverbs 3:9; 1 Corinthians 4:2; Hebrews 10:25).

*Associate Membership.* This membership is open to persons meeting the conditions of adult membership and who desire to become a part of the church but who also wish to maintain membership in their home church. Associate membership lists usually include college students, members of the military, or any other persons who are temporarily living in the area. The list also includes youth of the church who do not meet the minimum age requirement for adult membership (as established in the bylaws of the local church).

Associate members do not qualify to vote, nor do they hold offices.

*Junior Membership.* Junior membership

is provided for children who are born again but are not of the age required for associate or adult membership (age set by local church).

## MAINTAINING MEMBERSHIP

Each member should understand that the same standard for becoming a member must be the standard for maintaining church membership. There must be an indication of spiritual growth and development in each member.

Membership is more than a certificate or card. It is a treasured fellowship with believers of like precious faith. It is a mutual sharing of joyous privileges and responsibilities with other believers.

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Make your desire known and request an application for church membership from the pastor. Complete the application, answering all questions honestly and as completely as possible. Comply with any request for an interview by the pastor. (Some local churches conduct new member training, which offers more information concerning doctrines, the operation of the