

Members of the Mysteries of God in 2021
1 Corinthians 5
January 10, 2021

I. A Preamble - 1 John 1:5-10

A. Conviction for sin is an indispensable attribute to the Christian walk.

II. Sexual Immorality in the Church (V. 1-5)

A. Church membership matters because Christians don't get a free pass to _____ (Ephesians 4:22-25).

B. Church membership matters because there are some things the church can only do _____ (Matthew 18:15-17).

III. Judging Those Who Are Outside (V. 6-13)

A. Church membership matters because our obedience or disobedience to God affects _____ (1 Corinthians 12:26-27).

B. Church membership matters because the church has an _____ and an _____.

IV. Membership Goals for Apollo in 2021

A. _____

B. _____

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 5.
2. Are Christians allowed to judge people? Why or why not?
3. Under what circumstances is a church expected to remove someone from its membership? Why?
4. Why is one Christian's unrepentant sin everyone else's business? Isn't a Christian's relationship just between them and God?
5. If the Corinthian church did not practice church membership, how could they have excluded someone from their fellowship as Paul instructs them to? What does that tell us about the importance of church membership today?
6. What is the distinction Paul makes between how Christians are to treat those who are inside the church and those who are outside? If the Corinthian church did not practice church membership, how could they have known who was inside or who was outside?
7. Church discipline is not meant to condemn people to hell. It is meant to restore them to a right relationship with Christ (V. 5). Paul believed if this man were excommunicated to the world, he would return to Christ someday. What does that tell you about God's sovereignty and the power of salvation?
8. What about the two Membership Goals for Apollo in 2021 stood out to you? Why?
9. Pray for each other and the church, that we would work diligently to have an accurate membership roll. Consider attending this Sunday's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 5-7

January Memory Verses: Isaiah 8:11-13

1 Timothy 2:1-6

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. You will not need to renew your registration until after Easter Sunday.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for our country, that Christians would be a source of peace, unity, and decency.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety and employment issues because of COVID
 - Raymond C. (missionary who had to return home due to COVID, struggling with housing and food)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt, Peggy and great-nephew Derek), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim, Alexa, and Erika P. (grandfather), Dick T. (aunt, Rosia)
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Chris and Beth L. (3 yr. old daughter with inoperable brain tumor), Jerry M. (friend of Dan S. has pancreatic cancer)
- Those struggling with health issues:
 - Rezwana D. (migraines), Michelle L. (overwhelming stress), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (hospitalized for heart and stomach issues), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Wayne and Twyla D. (Wayne's Parkinson's, and he is now living in an assisted living facility and Twyla cannot be with him), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Gretchen E. (father regaining strength), Anna (April H., friend who has muscular dystrophy), Jose M. (sister miscarried)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), Warren Y. (hernia surgery on Jan. 12)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Laura M. (vertebrae surgery and right arm movement), Dale O. (knee replacement), Susan K.'s son-in-law (recipient of liver transplant), Pastor Jamal B. (liver transplant), April H. (cousin Randie, heart surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of