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the local church
AND ME

the church on the local level

The Universal Church

- ❖ There is one body – **Ephesians 4:4**
- ❖ Whole family – **Ephesians 3:14-15**
- ❖ General assembly – **Hebrews 12:23**
- ❖ All who are saved – **Acts 2:47**
- ❖ Christ is head – **Colossians 1:18**



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The Local Church – The Fullness of Him Who Fills All in All

- ❖ The church is the fullness of Christ – **Ephesians 1:22-23**
- ❖ To God's glory – **Ephesians 3:14-21**
- ❖ Locally – **Philippians 1:1, 11**

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the local church and me

Can I faithfully exist separate from a local church?

- ❖ Is the concept of a “floating membership” scriptural?
- ❖ **1 Peter 5:2** – “among you” means not beyond you. (cf. **Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5**)
- ❖ If the “floating membership” was legitimate, and all adapted it, would there be any churches to float to?



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Paul and Phoebe

- ❖ Paul as an example of the necessity of local church membership – **Acts 9:26-28; 13:1-3; 14:25-28**
- ❖ Phoebe as an example of the necessity of local church membership – **Romans 16:1-2**

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the local church and me *responsibilities*

Mature in the Faith

(Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 4;
2 Timothy 2:1-2, 16-18)

Keep Yourself Pure

(1 Timothy 5:22; 6:11; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8;
1 Thessalonians 4:1-4;
Romans 13:11-14)

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Possess the Mind of Christ

(Philippians 2:1-8; Ephesians 4:1-3;

Romans 14:14-20; Galatians 5:15-15, 26)



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