

CFC-303 CHURCH MEMBERSHIP & WATER BAPTISM

1) Local Church membership

- (i). Be a dedicated member of a local LCIM church. Fully participate in the church activities like prayers, bible study, fellowship, evangelism, etc (Heb 10:24-25, Psa 23:6, 133:1-3)
- (ii). Don't live and walk alone. Have and maintain a network of supportive Christian friends (Eccl 4:9-12).
- (iii). Don't be intimate with unbelievers (Psa 1:1-2, Pro 4:14-15, 1Cor 15:33, Jam 4:4)

2) Baptism in Water

- Be baptized in water.
- A man who has believed in the lord Jesus (and is born again) is immersed completely in water and then lifted up out of the water to symbolize his immersion in Christ Jesus by God. By this baptism, the man is saying he believes in the gospel and is acknowledging in public that he is now united to Christ and share in Christ's life.
- It is not a requirement for salvation, but something we are instructed to do as testimony that we are saved in Christ.
- Baptism in water is a symbolic testimony of repentance and new birth – that you are now in Jesus Christ – a partaker of his death and resurrection from the dead.
- It is a public testimony that one's newness in Christ is real. It is an expression of faith in the death and rising from the dead of Jesus and all that we have received as a result. (Acts 2:38-41, 8:12-13, 26-30, 35-39, 10:44-48, 16:13-15, 29-24, 18:7-8, 19:1-7, 1Cor.1:12-17).
- Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself has instructed that we should do this, so if you have not yet done this since you became a Christian, you will. (Matt 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16).