

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 12/28/08

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Romans 12:1-21](#)

TITLE: "GOD'S CALL TO CHURCH"

INTRO:

1. Physical health/spiritual health-similarities...
2. The New Testament reveals that God has marvelous plans for _____ people. The church is described as a building, a bride, and a body.
3. Normal health implies _____ and reproduction.
4. The biblical definition of a church...
5. Church health and fruitfulness depend upon obedience.

PROPOSITION: Serve the Lord in obedience through the local church ministry.

I. THE SURRENDER OF INDIVIDUAL AUTONOMY,

[Romans 12:1-3.](#)

A. The Privilege Of Membership.

1. Beyond superficial chit-chat.
2. Bonded in the _____ of the Holy Spirit... [verses 1, 2.](#)

B. The Plan Of Membership.

1. Limitations for the sake of the body, [verse 3.](#)
2. Godly submission evidenced:
 - a. [Ephesians 4:20-32.](#)
 - b. [Romans 12:4-18.](#)
 - c. [I Corinthians 8:1-4, 8-13.](#)

II. WILLING SUBMISSION TO SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY,

[Romans 12:4-8.](#)

B. Submit Your _____ To The Authority Of Scripture,
[II Timothy 3:16, 17; Hebrews 4:12.](#)

1. The Bible/foundation of church authority.

2. The Bible/Christ's headship over the _____, [Colossians 1:13-18](#).
 3. The Bible/ministry of the Holy Spirit, [John 14 & 16](#); [I John 4](#).
 4. The Bible/standard of separation from sin, [I Peter 1:13-16](#).
- C. Submit Your _____ To The Authority Of Pastors And Church Leaders, [Hebrews 13:17, 18](#); [I Peter 5:14](#).
- D. Submit Your _____ To The Authority Of The Assembly, [Matthew 18](#); [I Corinthians 5](#).

III. SPIRITUAL STRENGTH THROUGH ASSOCIATION, [Romans 12:9-21](#).

- A. Association With Separation From Evil, [verses 9-21](#).
1. Don't ingest toxic _____!
 2. Boundaries must be observed!
 - a. Separate from the world, [I John 2:15-17](#).
 - b. Love the brethren, [John 3:10-15](#).
 - c. Support and comfort the brethren [Galatians 6:1, 2](#).
 - d. Unified testimony to the world, [Ephesians 4](#).
 - e. Separate from defectors, [Romans 16:17](#).
 3. Find the _____ that God wants.
- B. Association In Service With Believers, [verses 9-21](#).
1. Unified and harmonized believers are a force.
 2. Unified and harmonized churches are a force.

CONCLUSION:

1. Do you understand?
2. Are you a believer in Christ?
3. What does God expect of you with regard to baptism? Church membership?