

Why I cannot be a
member of some
Churches of Christ

Should be a member

- Dt 4:6; 10:13 - God's plan - good!
- Heb 10:23-25 - Purpose (e.g. 1Co 11:17...26...30; Col 3:16)
- Acts 9:26

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- Unfriendly members - **1Th 5:14** (coll. of IMperfect people)

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- False doctrine **2Jn 9-11** -- *caution...*

Apply...

- Trips ... vacations
- Moves
- Disgruntled with present church

"Church" = body of *people*. Includes **ME**.
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