

Why should you attend Church?

1. Church is NOT AN OPTION!

Hebrews 10:23-25 - 23Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1 Timothy 4:13 - Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

All the excuses in the world can not explain away a COMMAND FROM GOD!

2. Church is a group of believers, who form the body of Christ.

Romans 12:4-5 - 4For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Ephesians 1:22-23 - 22And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 4:11-16 - 11And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

There you are thinking you do not need to attend Church, but in reality you are a MISSING PIECE of the Body of Christ.

3. Church is where you comfort OTHERS and get COMFORTED!

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Hebrews 3:13 - But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

4. Church is a GROWING BODY!

Matthew 16:13-18 - 13When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art

thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Acts 2:47 - Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Proverbs 11:30 - The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Matthew 28:18-20 - 18And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Church is IMPORTANT TO JESUS!

Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands, love your wives,

even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Church is for SINNERS!

1 John 2:1-2 - 1My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Church is NOT EASY!

1 Peter 5:8-9 - 8Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Matthew 13:24-30 - 24Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26But when the blade was sprung up,

and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Trouble comes to BELIEVERS who serve God and through TARES (non believers) in the Church body. BELIEVERS grow up in Church!

Church is where SPIRITUAL GIFTS work!

Psalm 68:18 - Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

Ephesians 4:8 - Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive,

and gave gifts unto men.

Church is NOT OPTIONAL, Church is the BODY OF CHRIST, Church is to COMFORT and to receive COMFORT, Church is a growing body, Church is IMPORTANT TO JESUS, Church is for SINNERS, Church is NOT EASY, Church is where SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORK! Show me ONE VERSE in the Bible that teaches a CHRISTIAN to miss church!