

WHY SHOULD WE ATTEND?

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Why should one regularly attend our services? Let us examine some good scriptural reasons why regular attendance is of great importance.

To worship God. " ... For it is written, You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." {Matthew 4:10} We give God praise, honor, and glory when we come together to worship Him. God is the only Person that is worthy of our worship. How can one willfully miss an opportunity to worship the God of heaven?

In answering the call to obedience. "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." (Hebrews 5:9) God has called upon us to attend His services, Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42. Some acts like giving and the Lord's Supper can only be done when we come together on the first day of the week, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29; 16:1,2.

To edify ourselves. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ... " (2 Peter 3:18) God's word is able to build up our faith and resolve to follow Him, Acts 20:32. "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established - that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." {Romans 1:11,12} In hearing God's word, remembering His death, singing praises to His name, petitioning His throne of grace and mercy and giving Him a small part of what He has given me - this will build your faith!

To provoke our brethren to greater service. "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24) How can I encourage my brethren when they know I could be here with the saints - but I am not willing to do so? Don't we love our brethren enough to desire doing all we can to encourage them to diligently strive to serve Him? Spiritual fellowship is one way we edify one another. Don't you look forward to be with your spiritual family when the church comes together? What about you dear reader - do you attend regularly? ***