

# Why I Need the Church

There is a feeling building across the country, as to why one needs the church. Some people say, "I can worship the Lord in my home as well as I can in church." If I go to church I am expected to participate, support the church. So why do I need the church that much.

## 1. **Purchase with his own blood.** Acts 20:28

If God felt the church was important enough to give the life of his only begotten Son, shouldn't we rethink these ideas and do some serious contemplation of our relationship with the church? Surely there is an important need for the church in our lives.

## 2. **Because the church is a staff meeting.** Acts 9:6

No man has enough wisdom to know all the plans that ought to be carried out in helping to proclaim the gospel. "...*Lord, what wilt thou have me to do...*" is what we should always be listening for. At church, we hear ideas from others, and often it takes more than one person to carry out plans that are made.

## 3. **Because the church cares for me.** 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

We have heard the old saying, "There is strength in numbers". When we have problems and others hear, they extend their concern and it makes us feel much better. Our problem hasn't changed, but knowing that others care and are praying for us, gives us strength. Paul is telling us, "when one suffers, the whole body should be concerned."

## 4. **Be reminded.** Psalms 27:4

David said, it was in the house of the Lord he beheld the beauty of the Lord. The "beauty" here is not regarding the Lord's looks, for no man has seen God face to face. Ex.33:20, John 1:18. The beauty here refers to God's character, who he is, what he is.

I can visualize David as he sat in the temple, thinking, "God is so good, so wonderful." So can we, as we sit in the house of the Lord. That is not to say we can't in our homes, but it is so much easier as we sit among our spiritual surroundings in church.

## 5. **Encouraged to be followers.** 1 Corinthians 11:1

This world needs role models. Paul was a role model, and he was reminded of that responsibility as he traveled from church to church. That virtue would not have been cultivated had he stayed at home.

But being out amongst the church members, he was encouraged to continue living that example. Paul was willing to live and die for the Lord, and he also was willing to live or die for the church, for he loved the church and the fellow believers. Acts 21:13.

## 6. **Admonish one another.** Romans 15:14

*Admonish* in the dictionary means: to warn; caution; advise against; reprove mildly; remind of duty. This does not mean we actually go to one another and admonish each other (although that sometimes is necessary). As we listen to comments, we get the message loud and clear, if the comment was useful to us. We would not get those suggestions if we remained at home.

## 7. **Forsake not the assembling.** Hebrews 10:25

We are admonished very strongly not to forsake the church. Paul knows the need, the importance

of attending church. He reminds us this is even greater as the coming of the Lord grows nearer. Why? Because the devil is working even harder as he understands his time is running out. 1 Peter 5:8.

8. **Encourages us.** Deuteronomy 3:28

Just as Joshua needed encouragement, we need encouragement from time to time. Actively being around other believers seem to do that for us. Isolation from believers seem to drain us and satan knows that. That's why he plants such thoughts in our minds.

9. **We receive nourishment.** Isaiah 66:10-11

Jerusalem was the main place of worship for Israel. The milk here refers to the nourishment we get from the church. Paul told the elders to "...*feed the church of God...*" Acts 20:28 The ministry is to feed the people. If we are not there, we miss out on the meal, in turn and begin starving our spiritual life.

**SUMMARY:**

The church is very important to us as individuals. Paul wanted us to not forsake the assembling together and David reminds us to meditate on the goodness of our Lord.

We are encouraged by others and receive nourishment from the Word of God.



























