

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE

1. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE, AND WE ARE TO BE CONFORMED TO HIS IMAGE. (LUKE 4:16)

- A. It was Jesus' custom to enter the synagogue (church) on the Sabbath day.
- B. We are to follow His example and go to church.

2. JESUS TAUGHT THAT YOU COULD BE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR SALVATION IF YOU DIDN'T ATTEND (RECEIVE THE INVITATION) OR BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THE CHURCH. (LUKE 14:15-24)

- A. Jesus called in all those who had an invitation, but some didn't come.
- B. They gave excuses of why they couldn't come.
- C. They used the same three excuses that people use today.
 - (1) Property (garden, lawn, hobbies, etc.)
 - (2) Oxen (represents business)
 - (3) Wife (represents family time)
- D. Even though these men did have excuses (they didn't lie), but they were not legitimate excuses in the eyes of God.
- E. Eventually, they were told that their invitations were canceled, and their chairs were filled with people who were hungry for God.

3. THE BIBLE TEACH US THAT WE SHOULD GO TO CHURCH EVEN MORE AS WE SEE THE DAY OF THE LORD APPROACHING. (HEB 10:25)

4. THE LORD IS FOUND IN CHURCH. IT IS THE ONLY TIME THAT THE HEAVENLY FATHER GETS TO BE WITH US AS A FAMILY. (ISA 2:1-3)

- 5. THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK BECAME KNOWN AS THE DAY WHEN THE NEW TESTAMENT DISCIPLES WOULD ASSEMBLE TOGETHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LORD'S DAY.
(ACTS 20:7) (REV 1:10)**
- 6. WE ARE TAUGHT THE WORD OF THE LORD AND EQUIPPED THROUGH THE FIVE FOLD MINISTRY IN GOD'S HOUSE.
(EPH 4:11-12)**
- 7. THOSE WHO COME TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD TO WORSHIP HIM WILL EXPERIENCE THE RAIN OF GOD.
(ZECH 14:17)**

A. No worship – no rain.
- 8. THE TITHE IS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE STOREHOUSE. YOU ARE TO WORSHIP HIM AS A PART OF THE TITHE.
(MAL 3:10)**
- 9. THE LEADERSHIP ANOINTING IS FOUND IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.
(NUM 11:16-17)**
- 10. WE GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD TO PRAY AND TO BE PRAYED FOR.
(MATT 21:13)**
- 11. YOU CAN EASILY GET DIRECT GUIDANCE BY BEING IN CHURCH AT THE RIGHT TIME.
(ACTS 13:1-3)**
- 12. YOU CAN SEE AND LEARN ABOUT THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.
(1 COR 14:26)**
- 13. THE HOUSE OF THE LORD IS A RALLYING PLACE FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE TO FLOW WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BUILD OTHERS UP.
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- 14. DON'T EVER FORGET THAT THE APOSTLE THOMAS WAS A GOOD MAN AND A GREAT APOSTLE BUT WAS KNOWN FOR WHEN HE MISSED CHURCH.
(JOHN 20:24-26)**

- 15. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT WHEN THERE IS NO DEMAND PLACED ON PEOPLE'S LIVES, THEY WILL DRIFT AWAY FOR THERE IS NOTHING TO HOLD THEIR RESTRAINT.
(PRO 29:18)**