

## **“31 REASONS WHY I ATTEND CHURCH”**

1. Since it was Jesus' custom, I want it to be mine. (Luke 4:16) "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read."
2. It is commanded in scripture. (Hebrews 10:25a) "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*..."
3. It helps prepare me for the rapture. (Hebrews 10:25b), "but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
4. It shows obedience to Jesus' command to make His house a place of prayer. (Matthew 21:12-14)
5. It helps fulfill the scriptural mandate for unity. (Psalms 133:1) "A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ephesians 4:3) "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:13) "Till 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:"
6. It builds my faith by HEARING the Word of God. (Romans 10:17) "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
  - a. Without faith, I can't please God. (Hebrews 11:6) "But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."
7. It brings accountability to one who will present me to God. (Hebrews 13:17) "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you."
8. It helps assure my salvation, by allowing me to be preached to. (1 Corinthians 1:21) "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."
  - a. Salvation is a process:
    - (1) We have been saved from the effect of past sins.
    - (2) We are being saved from present temptations.
    - (3) We will be saved from the potential of failure when we get to Heaven.
  - b. Since all this is involved in the process of salvation, it is all affected by preaching!
9. It is a visible response to the greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:36-38) "Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? {37} Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. {38} This is the first and great commandment."
10. It is a visible response to the second greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:39) "And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."
  - a. We should be as concerned with the needs of others as our own needs.
  - b. God only "turned the captivity of Job, WHEN HE PRAYED FOR HIS FRIENDS" (Job 42:10).
11. It gives me opportunity to become aware of the needs of others, thus allowing me to fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2) "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
12. It is an open display of Paul's comparison between the church and a body. (1 Corinthians 12:12-24)
13. It helps fulfill the command to have equal care for every member of the body. (1 Corinthians 12:25-26) "That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. {26} And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it."
14. It allows me to "sharpen" someone's countenance, and them to "sharpen" mine. (Proverbs 27:17) "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."
15. It gives me the privilege of having a watchman who can issue God's warnings for my life. (Ezekiel 33:1-9) 16. It allows me to obey God's command to BRING my tithes into the storehouse. (Malachi 3:10) "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*"
17. It allows me to obey God's command to give an offering ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK. (1 Corinthians 16:2) "Upon

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the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

18. It allows me to fulfill both necessary criteria of Galatians 6:6. (Galatians 6:6) “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.”
  - a. I will be “taught in the word.”
  - b. I can “communicate unto him that teacheth.”
    - (1) The word “communicate” literally means “to contribute to”, or “to share the financial responsibility of”.
19. It allows me to walk circumspectly and wisely by redeeming the time. (Ephesians 5:15) “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,”
20. It helps to bring perfection and edification through the input of the God-given ministry. (Ephesians 4:11-12) “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; {12} For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:”
21. It provides me an example which, when emulated, will bring peace. (Philippians 4:9) “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”
  - a. Note: “LEARNED,” “RECEIVED,” “HEARD,” and “SEEN IN ME.”
22. It provides me the opportunity to set in heavenly places TOGETHER with God’s people. (Ephesians 2:6) “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”
23. It allows me to PROVE my work; i.e., to show it to others. (Galatians 6:4) “But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.”
24. It helps keep my good from being “evil spoken of.” (Romans 14:16) “Let not then your good be evil spoken of:”
25. It is a sign of faithfulness, which is required. (1 Corinthians 4:2) “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”
26. It allows me to help bring a move of God to my community by fulfilling the two aspects of the Day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1) “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”
  - a. They were IN ONE ACCORD (unanimous).
  - b. They were IN ONE PLACE.
27. It allows me to be EQUALLY yoked with believers. (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)
28. It is one way I can refrain from defiling God’s temple. (1 Corinthians 3:16) “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”
  - a. In I Corinthians 6:19, the body is spoken of as being God’s temple; in I Corinthians 3, however, Paul is speaking of the church as a collective body.
    - (1) Notice the word “ye” - this is a collective term.
  - b. The word “defile” denotes not only adding adverse materials, but neglecting rightful duties as well.
    - (1) If I neglect my duty to come to church, I have “defiled the temple.”
29. It allows me the opportunity to glorify God with my body and my spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:20) “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
  - a. I can glorify Him with my body by my attendance.
  - b. Once there, I can glorify Him with my spirit through worship.
30. It is obedience to the command to “praise Him in the sanctuary.” (Psalms 150:1) “Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.”
31. It keeps me from committing a willful sin. (Hebrews 10:25-26) “Not 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. {26} For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,”