

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Church Membership

Church membership should mean one thing and one thing only; it should mean that an individual is a member of the church, and of a particular church, because he is interested in religion and because he believes that the particular church is the best means of expressing religion in an organized way.

Church membership is always in danger of degenerating into a matter of expediency instead of being a matter of conviction. To persons who do not take church membership very seriously it is possible that it may be to them only a matter of convenience. One may belong to a certain church because someone else does, or because it is popular, or because it has the best building, or because it represents the oldest tradition, or because its members travel in high society, or because "our family has always been in this church."

Once we saw a church advertisement which appealed to people to come to that church because it had "adequate equipment and was free from debt!" The chief appeal that can be made to a certain group of people is upon the basis of bliss.

Church membership is a matter of religion; that is, it is a matter of religion if it is worth anything. And it is a serious business. Church membership must be religious. More than that it must be Christian! And to be Christian it must, first of all, be honest. Therefore, the person must have a reason for belonging to the church. And it must be a reason that goes deeper than tradition or sentiment or persuasion by friends or by the minister. Church membership is such serious business that it is our belief that any one who does not have a real, religious reason for his church membership is not honest, either with himself or with the church.

—Rev. D. C. Stubbs,
Pastor, Methodist Episcopal Church

Why Go To Church?

Many will recall the answer given to the question, "Why I Go To Church?" by the Hon. John W. Wadmaker: "You might just as pertinently inquire 'Why do I eat?' or 'Why do I sleep?' because I find one just as necessary to my well-being as the other. I could eat well and sleep well, and yet be a very miserable man without the spiritual uplift that only comes from an attendance upon the Divine ordinances."

Church going is necessary for our well-being. Then too, it is a Christian duty. The Apostle Paul was inspired to make the pronouncement: "For-sake not the assembling of yourselves together." Unlike many other duties, however, it is a great privilege. The Lord promised to be present wherever two or three were gathered together in His Name, and the presence of the Lord always means blessings untold.

In the Church body there is opportunity for renewed strength; for comfort; for quiet; for fellowship; for the development of character and the exhibition thereof. All of these are indeed privileges of the Church. The most significant argument or reason for going to church is not primarily because the Church needs you, but because you need the Church.

—Rev. Carl Schultz, Pastor,
Salem Evangelical Church

Our Duty To God

The first duty of man is to know God, to love God and to serve God. And in return for this, God gives the individual His peace.

Consider, that as our Savior, the night before His passion, bestowed His peace to His disciples, saying, John XIV, 27: "Peace I leave thee, My peace I give to you;" so also after His resurrection He three times wished them His peace, saying, "Peace be to you," John XX.

But what kind of peace is there that He, so much inculcates and so earnestly desires to impart to those who love Him? Not the peace which the world pretends to give, which is false and deceitful like itself—they say "Peace, peace and there is no peace," Ezekiel XIII, 10—"but the peace of God which surpasseth all understanding," Philippians IV, 7.

A three fold peace; a peace of soul with God, a peace with everyone and a peace with himself. It is both the duty and happiness of a Christian to maintain this triple peace. And first, whoever desires any degree of happiness either here or hereafter must take care to keep an inviolable peace with God by ever flying serious sin, which is at enmity with God. How can there be any good for them that are at war with God. Who hath ever resisted Him and had peace. Job IX, 4. The wicked are like the raging sea, which cannot rest, and the waves thereof cast up dirt and mire. There is no peace to the wicked saith the Lord God. Is. LVIII, 20, 21.

In order to maintain the peace of God one must have peace with his neighbor as much as (lies in him); for no one can love God and at the same time hate his neighbor. It is therefore both the duty and happiness of a Christian to be at peace with all men, at least as far as lies in his power; to renounce all animosity and rancor, all discord and contention, all malice and envy, and whatever else is opposed to fraternal charity.

And the third branch of the Christian peace is to be at peace with oneself, that internal peace which maintains tranquility of the soul by banishing any disturbance from within or without. And so man must mortify his evil inclinations.

And this peace when it is perfect, is a certain foretaste of heaven; it is a kind of heaven upon earth. In such souls God is pleased to dwell. And so to obtain a realization of this three-fold peace we speak of, the Catholic attends Mass on Sunday. The Mass, the re-enactment of the tragedy of Calvary—in order that by this most excellent form of prayer, to ask of God that supernatural help which enables him to be at peace with God, his neighbor and himself. He gives to God the first act of the new work—an act of adoration which God as his Creator and Redeemer has absolute right to and by his recognition of His Supreme God to receive from God His blessing.

Rev. John Larkin,
Our Lady of Sorrows Church

The Greatest Need of Our Country

We are proud of the fact that we are American citizens; but present day conditions force us to admit that our country is morally on a decided downward path. Many underlying causes of the deplorable situation might be mentioned, such as "love of money," immoral movies and vaudeville shows, disrespect shown to law and authority etc.; but the real cause is a lack of Christianity on the part of a large majority of people in our country, the lack of a consciousness of sin, and the lack of faith in the old Gospel of Jesus Christ. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," Psalms 111:10. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people," Psalms 14:34. Therefore go to church and hear God's Word.

Our Savior says John 8:47: "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God"; and John 14:23: "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings; and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."

At the same time remember that Christ also said: "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Matt. 7:15. A preacher who offers the people straw instead of the bread of life, should not be heard, but avoided. Go to church and demand the real food for your soul.

—P. Graupner, Pastor,
of the Lutheran Church.

Why Should People Go To Church?

May I take this question out of the abstract and give my own personal reasons for going to church? I go to church for the following reasons:

1. Because I believe in a God who is all-loving and all-wise and who is worthy of praise and worship. I go to worship Him.
2. Because I realize that I have sinned and God's Word promises forgiveness and cleansing through the precious blood of Christ.
3. Because I believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and I want to hear more of Him through His word.
4. Because I would not want to live in paganism and heathenism and that is what we would have without the church.
5. Because to stay away from the church is to vote to close the doors of the church. A church cannot exist and offer its benefits without supporters.
6. Because I want my children to learn about God too and I do not expect other people to be responsible for the spiritual training of my children.
7. Because I love my country and I realize that the nation which forgets God cannot long endure.
8. Because I need comfort in sorrow and I find it alone in Christ and His church.
9. I enjoy the great hymns and music of the church such as "I Need Thee Every Hour," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and great masterpieces such as "The Messiah."
10. I am going to pass out of this life one day, if the Lord tarries, and the church prepares me for this experience.
11. I like the people who go to church.
12. I go to church because I like to go.

—Rev. Gilbert Miles
Pastor, First Baptist Church

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