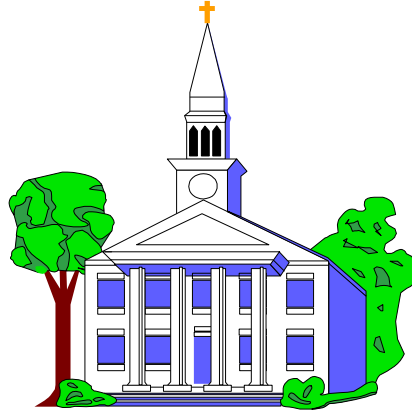


CHURCH ATTENDANCE



Gen 28:17

And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful (awesome) is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

INTRODUCTION:

Many people ask why we should attend Church? The answer is simple, because God told us to. God has chosen the Church to carry His Name and has Sanctified it and made it Holy unto Him!

1King 9:3 (The Lord said)

3 ...I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

Ps 26:8 (David said)

8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

COMMENTARY:

In the following Scriptures, we find various reasons why regular Church Attendance is not only necessary, but it is a Commandment of God.

Church Attendance is for Tithing:

Gen 28:22

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Exod 23:19 34:26

19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God.

Mal 3:8

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Church Attendance is to ask for God's Counsel:

Judg 20:18

18 And the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of God, and asked counsel of God,...

Church Attendance is for exhorting one another:

Heb 10:25

25 **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.

Church Attendance is for Prayer:

Isa 56:7 Matthew 21:13

7 **...For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.**

2 Chr 7:15-16

15 **Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.**

16 **For now have I chosen and sanctified this house,** that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

Church Attendance is for Worship:

Ps 5:7

7 **But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.**

Church Attendance is for Praise and Joy:

Ps 42:4

4 **...I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise,** with a multitude that kept holyday.

Ps 122:1

1 **I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.**

Isa 56:7

7 **Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer:...**

Church Attendance is for Blessing the Lord:

Ps 134:1-2

1 **Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD.**

2 **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.**

Church Attendance is for the Backslidden:

1 King 8:33-34 (King Solomon prayed)

33 **When thy people...because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house:**

34 **Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people...**

If we attend Church regularly, we will reap God's promises:

Ps 92:13-14

13 **Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.**

14 **They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;**

CONCLUSION:

This Tract has been written to encourage you on the importance of Church Attendance, and how we are to act in the House of God!

1 Tim 3:14-15

14 **These things write I unto thee,** hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 **But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.**

Amen!

Timothy II