

“Is Church Attendance Necessary For Salvation?”

Question: Does Local Church Membership Really Matter To God?

I. The World’s View Of Church Membership.

- “I Don’t Want To Be A Part Of Organized Religion.”
- “Give Me Christ, But Not His Church.”
- “I’m A Member At Large.”
- “Where Does The Bible Say You Have To Be A Member Of Any Church To Be Saved!”

II. How The Unfaithful Christian Often Views It.

- “I Still Have Jesus, I Just Don’t Go To Church Anymore.”
- “I Am Still A Part Of The Universal Church, Therefore I’m Good.”
- “I Can Worship God At Home Just As Good As I Can At A Building.”
- “Church Membership Is An UnBiblical, UnScriptural Concept.”

III. How Some Denominational Preachers View It.

- Church Attendance Is Good For You, But Not Required.
- It Can Help You In So Many Ways, But You Can Stay Home Too.
- It Is Even A Command From God, But Optional.

IV. What Does The Bible Say?

- God Established The Church, The *“Called Out.”*
 - (1) The Church Universal- **Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23-27.**
 - Each Christian Works Individually In The World **Matthew 5:16; James 1:27.**
 - (2) The Local Church- **Philippians 1:1; Acts 20:17-21; 31; Revelation 2—3.**
 - God Designed The Church To Have Overseers & Deacons- **1 Timothy 3; Titus 1.**
 - Each Christian Is Accountable In God’s Design- **1 Peter 5:1-4; Hebrews 13:17.**
 - Those Who Argue For “Membership At Large” Want No Accountability.
 - But Not A Safe Way! **James 5:19-20.**

(3) Local Church Membership- **Acts 9:26-28.**

– Church Attendance— Membership Is Necessary To:

- Be Unified Together As A Church- **Philippians 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10.**
- Praise God In Song Collectively- **Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 2:12.**
- Fulfill Our “One Another” Duties Together- **1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24.**
- Take The Lord’s Supper Together- **1 Corinthians 11:23-26; vs. 33-34.**
- Give Support For The Work Of The Church- **1 Corinthians 16:1-2.**
- Grow And Do Our Part In The Work- **Ephesians 4:12-16.**
- Obey God’s Command To Assemble- **Hebrews 10:25.**