



WHY DO YOU GO TO "YOUR" CHURCH?

Why do people go to a particular church? Many people choose a church because their parents or other relatives attend there. Some choose a particular church because they have friends there. Some, however, make a choice for more personal reasons. They like the "youth programs," or they like other "programs" that focus on certain groups of people. Some try to find churches that are modern with exciting activities and contemporary music. Some choose a church that offers recreational and sports activities.

We are all familiar with the huge "mega-churches" where attendance is in the 1,000's. In these churches it is very hard to get to know the other members and there is very little opportunity for interaction and service. The popularity of the mega-church may be in the fact that members can just "get lost" in the large membership and never have to do anything but attend services and be entertained. In fact, in these large churches a person can miss many worship services and never be missed.

Some choose a church because of convenience—it is near their home. It is a "community" church and many in the local community attend there.

Then there are a few who choose a church that best follows what they believe to be doctrinally correct. They have a "belief" and they search for a church that is closer what they believe.

In choosing a church many never consider which church God would want a person to choose. In fact, most people do not realize that our choice might be important to God.

The church that Jesus built (Matthew 16:17-19), was founded upon the inspired word of God! The worship service of the church never emphasized history, philosophy or the "traditions of men." True worship, Jesus taught, must be based on "spirit and truth" (John 4:14).

A church service with all its activities can certainly be enjoyable to man, but do they really help a person to know and understand and obey what God would have us to do? Do they inspire a person to prepare for eternity?

Socializing and friendship may be wonderful features of a church, but one can get this kind of human interaction in any civic organization or other social forum. Coming together before our Creator to worship and learn His truth is on an entirely different level. There must be more to an assembly than just the social and friendship benefits.

Look around you the next time you are at "your" church for worship. Do those who attend have their lives and thoughts and actions changed by the preaching and teaching of the powerful word of God? It may be more "fun" to attend a church with lots of activities, but are the members challenged to become more Christ-like and to love one another and to love their neighbors? Some attend churches where the Bible is rarely read and where scriptures are never explained and life-altering application is never made.

Would you be interested in finding a church that teaches and practices only what is taught in scripture?

Would you be interested in a church that has inspiring Bible classes taught directly from the Bible?

Would you be interested in a church that has simple, Bible based worship and yet is very meaningful?

Would you be interested in a church where members are dedicated to being more like Jesus?

Would you be interested in a church where members are very friendly and loving toward all?

Would you be interested in a church where you can feel wanted and needed?

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