

33. REASONS FOR COMING TO CHURCH

If you are:

- i) Not coming to God's house regularly, or
- ii) Not seeking to build it, then

Consider these reasons why you should fully direct your energies to build this and other local churches:

1. God commands us to meet together to consider one another and to **PROVOKE** one another to love and to good works. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24,25.
2. To rescue people from **HELL**. "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments.....and said,..... I am tormented in this flame." Luke 16:23,24.
3. By coming to church, you **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN** that God's **House is important**. By not coming to church, you teach your children to forsake **God, God's House, God's people** and **God's work**. You also teach them that the things of God **do not matter**. Deuteronomy 6:4,9.
4. Coming to church is an unselfish thing that we do:
 - i) To put ourselves out to help others,
 - ii) To glorify God,
 - iii) To extend God's kingdom. Matthew 6:33.
5. You will never be fruitful 100 fold by avoiding church. Do you want to be fruitful? Matt. 13:23.
6. If you know what is right and don't do it, God will **count you as unfaithful**. Luke 12:42-48.
7. It **proves** our love for God and for others. II Corinthians 8:8.
8. If **Christ gave eternal life to us**, we should give our time and life for God and others. II Cor. 8:9.
9. Not to suffer loss of rewards in eternity. I Corinthians 3:10-15.
10. Coming to church proves our salvation, because we show our love for the brethren. I John 3:14-16
11. **Jesus** went to God's house weekly. Luke 4:16.
12. To learn obedience. If we obey God by attending church, we'll obey God in big things. Luk 16:10-21
13. To become a Bible Teacher. Hebrews 5:12.
14. To become great in God's eyes like Moses who:
 - i) Refused worldly honour, v.24
 - ii) **Chose to suffer affliction** with the **people of God**,
 - iii) Did not pursue the pleasures of sin for a season,
 - iv) He had respect for the recompense of **God's eternal reward**. (Hebrews 11:24-27).

15. We are being watched by so great a cloud of witness of angels and departed believers. Heb.12:1.
16. To be a labourer in God's harvest. Matthew 9:36-38.
To **reap** and **receive eternal wages** and **gather fruit** unto eternal life. John 4:34-38.
17. a) To multiply our talents. Matthew 25:19-21.
b) For **God to say "Well done** thou good and faithful servant."
c) To become ruler over many things. Matthew 24:44-45.
18. To lay up treasures in Heaven. Matthew 6:19.
19. The **Lord is coming soon**. I John 2:28; Romans 14:12. We will all have to give **account of our life** and **actions** to God. We will be either **confident** or **ashamed**. Revelation 3:11.
20. If **you reject the Holy Spirit's promptings** on big things like church, you'll never hear God's promptings on important smaller things.
21. The preacher's message at church is often exactly what you **need to hear** from God.
22. To get re-motivated and inspired to serve God.
23. To set up a lighthouse for the **truth of Christ** and **salvation** to the community. Matthew 5:16.
24. So you can notice and encourage any **new** or **struggling people**.
25. So you can get the advice of **Godly Christians** regarding **problems** you may have.
26. So you can help **fight** and pull in the spiritual battle for souls. Ephesians 6:11-19.
27. So you can learn soul winning. Matthew 4:19.
28. So you honour the Lord with your tithes and support and send out missionaries. Malachi 3:7-12.
29. You get your next instructions from God at church.
30. It is the first base to spiritual growth.
31. Building this church is a key to multiplying other churches.
32. It gives you self discipline to learn more.