

Sermon on Attendance

Scripture Text: Psalm 122:1

This sermon was a suggestion as it is always needed.

Turns out one of three things always happens with sermons like this:

1. Those who need to hear this aren't here.
2. Those who need to hear this get mad at it.
3. Those that don't need this feel bad for not doing more!

What are the benefits of attending worship/classes?

1. It is a Command of God

- a. Hebrews 10:25
 - i. Examine in larger context v. 10:22-26
 - ii. When we have the opportunity, we need to be there!
- b. Matthew 16:18-19 – whatever the Apostles bound on earth was bound in Heaven
 - i. Acts 2:42 – continued in the Apostle's doctrine
 - ii. Acts 20:7 – assembled the first day of the week
 - iii. I Cor. 16:1-2 – giving weekly
- c. It is the same as not gambling, not cursing, or partaking the Lord's Supper weekly
- d. If God commanded it, why do we think we have the right to say it is optional?
 - i. If we were God, we could decide when we want to go or not.
 - ii. However, no one on earth today is not God!

2. Edifying to Ourselves

- a. John 4:24 – spirit & truth
- b. When we attend worship and participate, we get something out of it – Deut. 6:4-7, Matthew 22:37-40, Luke 12:30-31
 - i. Singing
 - ii. Praying
 - iii. Bible knowledge from classes and sermons
- c. Eph. 4:29
 - i. We are to edify (build up) each other.
 - ii. How can we do this if we aren't present?

3. Uplifting to Others

- a. I can give you a list of people that uplift me when I see them in worship: wife, parents, grandparents, etc.
 - i. Cot man in Rich Creek, WV
 - ii. Chuck Reed, Shirley Melton
- b. Verses
 - i. Eph. 4:29, 4:32
 - ii. Mt. 5:16
 - iii. I Thess. 5:11

iv. Romans 14:9

v. Romans 15:2

I Tim. 1:17 – Paul recounts his conversion in v. 12-17 and he was thankful to God for the opportunity to become a Christian!

Do you think he ever asked:

- Do we have to go on Sunday night?
- Isn't Wednesday night Bible study just a little too much?
- Why go to all sessions in a Gospel meeting or all nights of a VBS?
- I've worked all day and I'm just a little too tired to go.

The answer is "NO!" He would have never said anything like that because he saw the benefit of assembling to worship!

There are some legitimate things that can keep us from worship, the problem is when we make a conscious decision on our part to not assemble.

Lastly, if you think going to church is miserable, you are going to hate Heaven. In Heaven, we will be praising God continually! Get prepared now by being in church!

Are you faithful in your attendance? If not, start right now!

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