

# WHY CHURCH?

## What Does the Bible Say About the “Body of Christ”?

The bible commands that we are to be part of the “Body of Christ,” which is the church (**Romans 12:3-16, Ephesians 4:11-12 and v.16**) God has both called and created us to work together as one, unified body of believers (**1 Corinthians 12:12-31**).

Through the corporate body of Christ (the Church), we are able to collectively do things that we couldn’t do individually. Through the Church, we are better able to grow as individuals and impact our community for God’s glory. (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, Proverbs 27:17, Matthew 18:20**)

## Why Should I Go to Church?

The bible commands us to “not neglect meeting together” in order that we might stir up love and good works among each other. (**Hebrews 10:24--25**) Believers throughout scripture gathered together to worship.

Old Testament: the tabernacle was at the center of the Jewish camp (**Numbers 2:17**).

New Testament: Early Christians went to the temple regularly and met with other believers (**Acts 2:46, Acts 3:1, Acts 5:12, Acts 5:20--26, Acts 5:42**).

Jesus also commonly went to the temple (**Luke 2:21-24, Luke 2:41-52, Matthew 21:12-13, John 7:14**).

God never intended us to be “loners.” (**Genesis 2:18**). If you fall, the church can be there to help pick you up. (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**).

We’re strengthened in faith by being around other believers. (**Proverbs 27:17**)

While God can meet us, individually, at any place, He has promised us that when we corporately gather together in His name, He will meet us there. (**Matthew 18:20**)

Churches provide for our spiritual and social needs (**Acts 2:42**):

*Spiritual: prayer and apostle’s teaching*

*Social: fellowship and breaking of bread*

## What about Problems in the Church?

The Church is filled with imperfect people! Jesus is actively working on the lives of believers, but imperfect people sometimes do imperfect things. (**Luke 5:31-32**).

We are personally called to be part of the solution. (**Ephesians 4:2--3**)

The Church is the “bride of Christ.” While the Church sometimes acts like “bridezilla,” God loved it enough that He was willing to die for it. (**Ephesians 5:25-27**)

Jesus is coming back for “his bride” one day, and you should be part of it when He does! (**Revelation 19:7-9**)