

10 REASONS YOU NEED TO BE A PART OF A LOCAL CHURCH

1. While Christ died for individuals, He also died for _____, and the Church is Christ's Body. (Eph. 5:25-27; Col. 1:18)
2. As a Christian, you are part of the Body of Christ, you are to use your individual _____ - _____ spiritual gift(s) not for yourself, but to _____ the _____ as a whole. (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:12-26; Eph. 4:11-12; 1 Thess. 5:11; 1 Pet. 4:10)
3. You come to a _____ understanding of the Scriptures when you are taught expositively by a spiritually gifted pastor-teacher; this is God's _____. (Acts 11:26; Eph. 4:11-16; Col. 3:16; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17)
4. You can have fellowship with believers who might be going through some of the same trials you are; there can be an exchange of _____, spiritual direction and _____. (Matt. 18:20; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; Heb. 10:24-25; James 5:16; 1 John 1:3)
5. If you are _____ in a local church, you cannot fulfill all of the commands to the _____. (John 13:34-35; 15:17; Rom. 12:16; 14:19; 1 Cor. 12:25; Gal. 5:13-15, 26; 6:2; Eph. 4:2, 32; 5:21; Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 4:9, 18; 5:11)

6. There is strength in numbers; the believer who _____ himself/herself is an easier _____ for the enemy (Prov. 11:14; 18:1; 24:6), this is true when it comes to embracing doctrinal _____ (2 Tim. 4:1-5), practicing sin, or struggling with depression.

7. While attending, you can intelligently and prayerfully _____ in _____ support of the local church with its many needs, and with the spreading of the gospel. (2 Cor. 8 & 9; Philip. 4:10-20)

8. Attending a local church gives you the wonderful opportunity to _____ the Lord together in hymns and spiritual songs. (Eph. 5:18-21; Col. 3:15-17)

9. By attending a local church, you can be a _____ to the younger generation; if you are younger, you can watch and _____ from the older believers. (1 Tim. 4:12; Titus 2:1-8)

10. By being a part of a local church, you can fulfill Jesus' _____ to all believers to corporately _____ together in observing the Lord's Supper until He returns. (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-34)

* How can you personally apply this truth in your own life?