

Fundamentals of Attending Church

A. The Importance of your Church

1. In the Ending Days

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: **and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**

Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Heb 10:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Heb 10:28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

2. Protection

a) Corporate Protection.

Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Co 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

b) Prayer Protection.

Mat 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Jam 5:16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

3. Anointing

a) Learn to build your Ark of Anointing a la Noah's ark.

Act 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Act 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Act 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Act 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

b) Corporate anointing.

Isa 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, [that] his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

2Ch 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers [were] as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up [their] voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, [saying], For [he is] good; for his mercy [endureth] for ever: that [then] the house was filled with a cloud, [even] the house of the LORD;

2Ch 5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

- c) Five fold ministries e.g., prophetic warnings, miracles of healing, raising the dead, casting out demons, apostolic messages such as the Book of Revelation series.

B. Living the Word

1. You must learn the Word, believe the Word, speak the Word, act on the Word, be saturated by the Word and be led by the Word and the Holy Spirit.
2. Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed;
Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
3. Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
Mat 7:24 Therefore **whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

C. Tithing

The church provides you the opportunity to tithe. You should tithe to the local church where you are being fed the Word of God. It is where you go for prayer and help during challenging times.

1. Steps in Tithing

- a) The Tither.

Confess your sins according to 1 John 1:9.

Bring your tithes to the Lord.

Remind God to bless you in this land of milk and honey (Deut 26:12-15).

- b) The Receiver of the Tithe.

The pastor (church) should understand tithing and how to receive the tithe and pray over it.

The pastor (church) should pray according to Deut 26, Mal 3 and Heb 7:8.

Heb 7:8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he *[receiveth them]*, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

2. The Importance of Tithing

- a) Obedience.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

- b) Preparation for the ending days.

If you cannot give 10 percent to God, then you will never give 100 percent.

Members of the Glorious Church do not walk in disobedience.

The destroyer must be bound from you to be successful in the Ending Days.

- c) God, as Lord of the armies of Heaven, is your partner.

You cannot successfully command the angels of the army if you are not partnering with the commander of the army.

3. The Process of Tithing

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:
Mal 3:3 And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.
Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
Mal 3:9 Ye [are] cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, [even] this whole nation.
Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [there shall] not [be room] enough [to receive it].
Mal 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

D. Preparing for the Ending Days

1. Know what to pray.
 - a) Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed [is] willing, but the flesh [is] weak.
 - b) Question. Pray what? Here are some topics.

The church must teach you the Word of God that is relevant to you and where you are (going). for God's people perish for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).
You need to learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones by walking in dominion.
You need to know that you are in the last of the Ending Days.
You need to know when Jesus is returning.
You need to know how to prepare yourself, your family, your country and the world for the return of Jesus.
You need to know how to live and not die to be alive and remain until the Rapture.
2. Build your faith and patience
 - a) Have the faith for which Jesus is returning.

Luk 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them [to this end], that **men ought always to pray, and not to faint;**
Luk 18:2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:
Luk 18:3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. Luk 18:4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Luk 18:5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. Luk 18:6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. Luk 18:7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?
Luk 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. **Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?**
 - b) Learn how to save your soul by controlling it.

Luk 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.
Heb 6:12b with faith and patience you inherit the promises.
 - c) Learn how to avoid or minimize your exposure to the challenges of the Ending Days.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.
3. Learn to live and not die.
 - a) 1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.
 - b) 1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
 - c) Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Why Church?

Part 1

A. What is a church?

- 1) Webster's definitions:
 - a) A building for public worship, especially Christian.
 - b) The clergy of a religious body. c) A body or organization of religious believers.
 - d) The whole body of Christians. e) A public divine worship. f) The clerical profession.
- 2) Bible Definition
 - a) It is not the building. Acts 14:27, Acts 11:22
 - b) It is the body of believers. Matt 18:17, Eph 3:10, Col 1:24
 - c) The assembling of the Body of Christ (i.e., the believers). Heb 10:25
 - d) The church in the early days of the Acts of the Apostles met in homes. Rom 16:5, 1 Cor 16:19
Col 4:15, Phim 1:2
 - e) We believe in these last days of the Acts of the Apostles the church will again meet in homes. Matt 24:22

B. Why go to church?

- 1) Primary reason is obedience – Do not forsake the assembling of the body. Heb 10:25
- 2) To assemble around the Name of Jesus so that He can be present. Matt 18:20
- 3) To release the corporate anointing. 2 Chr 5:14
- 4) To be fed by the Word of God. Acts 20:28, 2 Tim 3:16
- 5) To receive protection as part of a corporate body including health and needs met. Acts 12:5
- 6) To worship in unity to release the power of God. Acts 1:14 + 2:1-4
- 7) To be disciplined in the Word of God. John 8:31-32
- 8) To bring your tithes and offerings. Mal 3:10
- 9) To practice the ministry gifts. Rom 12:6-8
- 10) To participate in ministering the Gospel by edifying those in the church. 1 Cor 14:5, 12
- 11) To participate in the ministering the Gospel through outreaches. Phil 4:15, 3 Jn 1:5,6

C. Purpose of a church

- 1) To provide the Ministry offices to help perfect the body of Christ. Eph 4:7-12
- 2) To preach, teach, heal, cast out demons and raise the dead. Matt 4:23, Matt 10:7, 8
- 3) To provide a place for corporate praise and worship. 1 Cor 14:26
- 4) For discipleship thru the teaching of the Word. 2 Tim 2:24-26
- 5) To provide pastoral covering, protection and guidance. Num 6:23-27

D. Church Growth

- 1) To move toward the church without spot or wrinkle. Eph 5:25-27
- 2) The primary growth should be spiritual.
 - a) Increasing anointing. John 7:37-39
 - b) Increasing in revelation knowledge. Eph 1:17-21
 - c) Teaching and preaching, increasing from milk to meat to strong meat. Heb 5:12-14
 - d) Developing Christian character thru fostering growth of the Fruit of the Spirit. Gal 5:22-23
 - e) Increasing manifestation of Gifts of the Spirit. 1 Cor 12:7-11
 - f) Saving souls. Mark 16:15-20
- 3) The physical growth should be a result of the spiritual.
 - a) Increasing number of attendees. Acts 2:47
 - b) Increasing health in the regular attendees. Heb 11:6
 - c) Increasing prosperity in the regular attendees. 3 John 1:2
 - d) Increasing need for larger physical resources (e.g., buildings). 1 Chr 4:10, Isa 54:2
 - e) Increasing help to the poor, needy and to the widows and orphans. Jam 1:27, Matt 25:35-36