

WE THE CHURCH – 2

“Why Church?”

- Significantly lower risk of depression.
- Better life and time management.
- Better grades and higher education prospects.
- Significantly lower risk of death and longer life expectancy.
- Better sex lives.

Hebrews 10:23-25 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

1. **Because Jesus _____.**

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:19-20 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

Ephesians 5:25-26 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

2. **Because you are a _____ of it.**

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

“It’s easy to be down on the church. It’s easy to find it’s faults. But when you become a believer you become the church. I’ve always resented the phrase, ‘where do you go to church?’ I’m a member of a church. I don’t go to a country club, I’m a member of a country club. I’m not talking about where you go, I’m talking about where you plant your flag and say, ‘This is where I’m a Christian.’ – Chuck Colson

Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

3. **Because the _____ that we live in _____ it.**

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On the day called Sunday, all who live in the country side and in the city *gather together* for worship. Writings of apostles or prophets are read and then the pastor or president applies them to everyday life. And then we stand and offer prayers, sing, bread and wine, and worship together. -Justin Martyr, 2nd Century Writer

What does 'the day of the Lord' mean?

- Your own impending _____.
- A coming physical _____.
- The day The Lord _____.

Matthew 24:9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake."

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