

CHURCH ATTENDANCE OR MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FOR AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD...

So then if believers are the church, why do they go to gatherings called churches?

The gatherings are called assemblies or congregations in the original texts of the bible which mean specifically, the gathering of believers or the Ekklesia in the Greek.

Plain and simple, the assembly or congregation (Ekklesia in the original Greek) is for the purpose of coming together with the family of God (brothers and sisters in Christ) to worship God -

By singing worship and praise, praying with each other and for one another, studying the Bible together and sharing life with each other. The intent was to do this daily inside and outside of the assembly every day throughout the week as we are lead by the Holy Spirit. (Not just a Sunday thing...)

The most important thing is that we need to have a personal relationship with God. Religion will not provide a personal relationship with God. A personal relationship with God includes a lifestyle that will seek to include God in all that we do. From spending time with God in prayer, studying His word (The Bible), sharing our faith with others and choosing to live a life that is edifying and glorifying to God our Father.

We live each day of our life seeking to do God's will instead of our own will. We desire to stay close to God by inviting His Holy Spirit to fill us with His presence and to lead us and guide us in the way that we should go. That is relationship with God! Many may say that this is fanatical and overbearing, but I would say that it is exactly what it is to be a follower of Jesus Christ and to know God personally.

So I encourage you to be the church or better yet the Ekklesia instead of just attending Church and doing as others do. It is what the Bible instructs us to do. Remember what Jesus Christ said...

John 15:10-14 - If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.



LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANGLICAN CHURCH

NAZARENE CHURCH

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH

ORTHODOX CHURCH

MENONITE CHURCH

NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCHES

WHICH CHURCH SAVES?

CHURCH OF CHRIST

PLYMOUTH BRETHREN

UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALVINIST CHURCHES

CHURCH OF GOD

CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS - MORMONS

WESLEYAN CHURCHES

REFORMED CHURCHES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AMISH CHURCH



METHODIST CHURCH



CATHOLIC CHURCH



BAPTIST CHURCH

So many different churches to choose from! So many Denominations! Which church is the true church? Which Church Saves?

Very hard questions that many people have. The answers to these questions are found in the Bible. Yes, that is right, the Bible has the answers to these questions. But many do not search the Bible for the answers to their questions. They ask their friends or family first. Or they ask a pastor or priest. They perform online searches for a church with good ratings or reviews. The last place that most look for answers is the first place that everyone should look! The Bible has the answers to all of life's questions and concerns and it was written for the common man to understand.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 15 From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work. It does not require a human interpreter to give you the truth you are looking for. The Bible is not like any book of history or literature. It is a miraculous book that is Inspired by the Holy Spirit of God!

John 14:25-26

25 All this I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you.



This is a gospel tract that answers the question clearly about which church saves. But I must establish the foundation of truth that I stand on first before I can tell you

**NO CHURCH
ESTABLISHMENT
ON THIS EARTH
CAN SAVE US
FROM THE
WAGES OF SIN!**

The men who wrote the bible were lead by the Holy Spirit of God to write the words and it requires the same leading by the Holy Spirit to read the words. If we attempt to read the words of the bible without the leading of the Holy Spirit, the letters of God's law are a judgment and they kill. But when we have God's Holy Spirit dwelling in us because we are regenerated by the rebirth (Being born again) the truth is revealed by the Comforter (Holy Spirit) who teaches us in all truth that God's words are a light to our path and brings life to our souls.



There is only one who can save us and that is Jesus Christ the Messiah. The bible clearly tells us on many occasions that there is no other way to salvation. Jesus Christ, the son of God is the truth, the way and the life and no man can go to the Father except through Him. It is by faith in Jesus Christ's payment for sin that we are able to be reborn spiritually into God's family as children of God and heirs to all that is promised to us.

John 3:36 - *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

John 14:6 - *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Acts 4:12 - *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

1 John 5:11-12 - *And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

So then what are churches for if they cannot save us?

First and foremost, I need to tell you that the Bible tells us that each and every person who believes on Jesus Christ for salvation is a walking, talking, breathing and living temple of the Holy Spirit of God which makes them the church. If they are the temple of God in which His Spirit resides, they are the church. That is why the bible tells us that where two or more believers of Jesus Christ are gathered, He is in the midst of them.

1 Corinthians 3:16 - *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?*

1 Corinthians 6:19 - *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,*

1 Peter 2:5 - *you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*