

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1296: Do Christians Have To Go To Church?

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1. What is the definition of “church?” What is the “rock” upon which Jesus built his church? When did Jesus begin building his church? (See Matthew 16:15-18, 1 Corinthians 3:11, Ephesians 1:22)
2. What guides the development of the church? How do the following scriptures indicate what a church actually is? (See Acts 2:46-47, Galatians 1:13-14, Ephesians 5:22-27, Revelation 3:21-22)
3. What is Paul’s first illustration of the church? How does John the Baptist announce this illustration? What is the purpose of going to church? (See Ephesians 5:25-27, John 3:28-30, 14:3, Revelation 19:7-8)
4. What is the biblical definition of “saint?” Our English Bibles translate the Greek word for “saint” as what other words? How do we know not to pray to saints? (See Matthew 3:11, 1 Timothy 2:5, 1 John 2:1)
5. Who are the saints? How are they supposed to act? How are we “fellow citizens with the saints”? (See 2 Corinthians 1:1, Ephesians 1:18, 2:19-20, 5:1-5)
6. What is the next illustration of the church? Who lives there? How did Paul describe the building process? Why do you go to church, or not? (See Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-17, 6:19-20)
7. How does being a part of this temple determine our behavior? Our lives? What is our responsibility towards other members? (See 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, 13:11-14, Ephesians 4:29-32)
8. What is the third illustration Paul gives to describe the church? How may our natural inclinations stifle our participation in the body – in two opposite ways? What is the advantage of having all the parts be different? (See Ephesians 4:11-13, 5:28-32, 1 Corinthians 12:14-26)
9. What can we do to contribute to this body of Christ? List and explain the six ways given. (See Hebrews 3:13-14, 10:24-25, John 15:12-14, 1 Peter 1:22-23, Galatians 5:13, Colossians 3:12-16)
10. Can you think of other ways YOU can contribute? What part do you play in your Christian fellowship? Could you do more? What does your church do to encourage spiritual growth towards becoming a part of “the church” of Christ, rather than just attending a church?