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Title: Do Have to Go to Church to Be a Christian?

Text: Hebrews 10:24-25

<sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

<sup>25</sup>Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **How do you become a Christian?**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** - <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast.

**Romans 10:9-10** - <sup>9</sup>That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

### **What is a Church?**

The Body of Christ - **1 Corinthians 12** - We are members

The Bride of Christ - **Matthew 25** - We Are His Bride

The Building of Christ - **Matthew 16** - I will build my Church

**Matthew 18:20** - For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

### **What is the function or purpose of the Church?**

**Matthew 28** - The Great Commission

Equipping Center

Worship Center

Teaching Center

Saving Center

Encouraging center

Healing Center

Prayer Center

### **The early Christians would assemble every chance they got but especially on Sunday.**

**Acts 2:46** - Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

**1 Corinthians 16:2** - On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

**You don't go to church to be or maintain your position as a Christian you go to church to worship, learn and prepare to win the world to Christ.**