

*If you want to be like Jesus, you will
have to go to church*

September 6

The church is the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, and the family of God in the earth. Ephesians tells us that Jesus died for the church, His body and His bride. It is God's will that each believer becomes a functioning part of a local family of Believers. However, many people do not imagine they have time to make such a commitment. Instead of being married and in covenant with the Bride of Christ, they act as though they are only dating the girlfriend of Jesus. They may not realize just how much he loves the church and how committed he is to her. In the Old Testament, God raised His children to attend church by commanding them to make sacrifices, attend feasts, and bring their tithes and offerings. Jesus also had a habit of attending church. This is where he went to school, learned to read, preached his first sermon, and spent his customary Sabbaths. Furthermore, the picture of heaven and its activities of worshiping the Lamb of God is nothing less than a picture of a church service. If you go to heaven, you will go to church! Please God and commit your life to a local church.

Prayer for Today

Father, I want to thank You for the family You created for us in this world. I pledge myself to be a part of my local church in the place where You set me. Make me productive and give me every grace, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scriptures for Today

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. (NKJV)

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. (NKJV)

Malachi 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, " If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it." (NKJV)