WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION:
1. Some attend the services of the church regularly and some do not.
2. Has God left man to his own choice about the matter?
3. Is it God's will that we attend the services regularly?
4. I believe that if you will study with me with an open mind I can show you why you should attend services regularly.

I. WE SHOULD ATTEND THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH REGULARLY TO PROVE OUR LOVE AND GRATITUDE TO GOD AND CHRIST.
   1. God so loved me that He gave His only begotten Son to die for my salvation -- John 3:16; Rom. 5:8
   2. Christ so loved the church that He died for it -- Eph. 5:25
   3. He bought it with His blood -- Acts 20:28
   4. God gives us multitudes of blessings -- James 1:17
   5. God seeks my worship -- John 4:24
   6. One's love and gratitude to God should compel him to worship God at every service.

II. I SHOULD ATTEND EVERY SERVICE TO OBEY GOD
   1. Disobedience is a terrible thing -- I Sam. 15: 22 - 23; Matt. 7: 26 - 27
   2. "He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him" -- Heb. 5:9
   3. The New Testament says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" -- Heb. 10:25
   4. Christians in the days of the New Testament met on the first day of the week to:
      (1) Eat the Lord's Supper -- Acts 20:7
      (2) To give -- I Cor. 16:1 - 2
      (3) To be taught -- Acts 20:7; Acts 2:42
      (4) To pray -- Acts 2:42
      (5) To Sing -- Eph. 5:19
   5. Early Christians met daily -- Acts 2:46; 5:42

III. I SHOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE JESUS IS THERE
   1. Matt. 18:20
   2. He is with us by His appointments, by His Word, by His influence
3. And, we are before His Divine presence -- Heb. 4: 13

IV. I SHOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH TO HELP IT GROW

1. The church always grows where members put God first in their lives by loyal attendance
2. The growth of the church means salvation of the Lost
3. Here is a way all can help in the greatest work on earth!

V. I SHOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH TO PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST

1. Matt. 6:33
2. If God is first all other things will be added.

VI. I SHOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

1. Many are looking my way and following my steps -- II Cor. 3:2
2. Influence is either good or bad -- there is no middle ground
3. Any hour the church meets, my influence is either with or against Christ

VII. I SHOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

1. All who forsake an assembly wonder if they have sinned.
2. I know I am safe in attending every service
3. James 4:17 -- "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin"

VIII. I SHOULD GO TO EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH TO ABOUND IN THE LORD’S WORK

1. A true Christian wants to do all he can and not as little as he can.
2. After we have done all we are unprofitable servants -- Luke 17:10
3. I must abound in attendance -- I Cor. 15:58

CONCLUSION

1. Some reasons some absent themselves from the assemblies:
   (1) A lack of interest in spiritual things -- Mark 4:19
   (2) Some don’t like the preacher -- we’re not to worship the preacher -- he simply preaches the word -- I Cor. 3:5
   (3) Some say, "I am tired on Sunday and need relaxation" -- There will be NO RELAXATION IN HELL!

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