

- a soldier without an army
- a citizen who won't vote
- a sailor without a ship
- a child without a family
- a drummer without a band
- a ballplayer without a team
- a scientist who does not share his findings with his colleagues



If you have been neglecting one of God's greatest provisions for your spiritual growth, find a church that believes and teaches God's Word and start attending faithfully. Take time to get to know others and let them get to know you. Ask God to help you find ways to serve others.

Don't be a churchless Christian. —Richard De Haan

*I love Thy church, O God!
I prize her heavenly ways—
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise. —Dwight*

Seven days without church makes one weak.



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket**. Please ask for details.

A Churchless Christian

Let us consider one another . . . , not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. —Hebrews 10:24-25

Nowhere in the Bible does it say we must have our names on a church membership roll to be saved. That doesn't mean, however, that joining with other believers in a local church is not vital to our spiritual growth. Gathering regularly for worship and instruction encourages love for others, good works, and mutual accountability (Hebrews 10:24-25).

I read an interesting article some time ago that compared a Christian without a church to . . .

- a student who won't go to school
- a honeybee without a hive





Discipleship Series Organised Religion

In the Scriptures we will find the answers to three common questions regarding the church:

1. Isn't _____ wrong?

(Psalms 51:4) "Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight;"

(Matthew 18:15-17) ""Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. {16} "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' {17} "And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector."

(Acts 11:29-30) "Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. {30} This they also did, and sent it to **the elders** by the hands of Barnabas and Saul."

(John 21:16) "He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**"

(Acts 20:28) ""Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

(Acts 20:17) "From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the **elders** of the church."

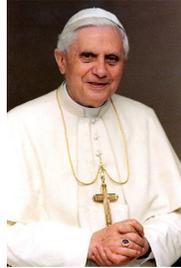


(Philippians 1:1) "Paul and Timothy, .. To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and **deacons**:"

(Hebrews 10:24-25) "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, {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."

(1 Corinthians 12:25) " .. the members should have the same care for one another."

(Galatians 5:13) "... through love serve one another."



2. Don't church constitutions contain the _____ of _____?

(Matthew 15:3) " .. "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?"

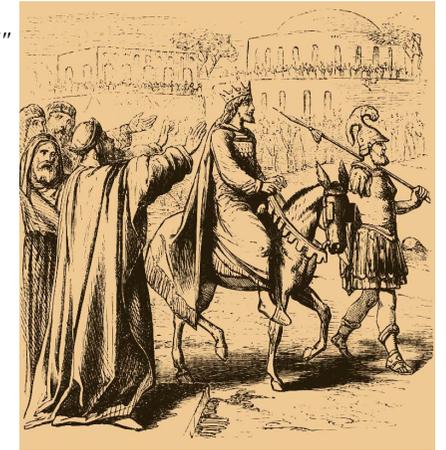
(Matthew 15:9) "And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.""

(1 Corinthians 14:40) "Let all things be done decently and in order."

(1 Chronicles 22:9-10) ""Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace ... to Israel in his days. {10} 'He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will **establish the throne of his kingdom** over Israel forever.'"

(1 Chronicles 23:1) "So when David was old and full of days, **he made his son Solomon king over Israel.**"

(1 Kings 1:33-34) "The king also said to them, "Take with you the servants of your lord, and have Solomon my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon. {34} "There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel; and blow the horn, and say, 'Long live King Solomon!'"



3. Aren't I a _____ by merely _____?

(Joshua 24:24-26) "And the people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!" {25} So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, ... {26} Then Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD."

(2 Kings 23:2-3) "The king went up to the house of the LORD with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD. {3} Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant."

(2 Chronicles 15:12-13) "Then they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; {13} and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman."

(Nehemiah 9:38) ""And because of all this, We make a sure covenant, and write it; our leaders, our Levites, and our priests seal it.""

