



**Don't Go to Church!
...BE the Church**
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Five Reasons Why You Should NOT Go to Church

Reason #1 Church Isn't Something You GO TO...

It's Something You ARE!

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Ephesians 1:22-23

- **We Are FAMILY!**
Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. Ephesians 2:19
- **We Are FOLLOWERS...**
Come, follow me... Matthew 4:19

Reason #2 Church Isn't a PLACE for People...

It's People All Over the PLACE.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

- **We Gather in a Large Group for CELEBRATION and INSPIRATION...**
And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25
- **We Gather in a Small Group for ASSIMILATION and TRANSFORMATION...**
*They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts... Acts 2:46b
Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. Acts 5:42*
- **We Scatter as Individuals for COMMUNICATION...**

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. Acts 11:19-21

**Reason #3 Church Isn't Something You WATCH...
It's Something You DO...**

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

**Reason #4 Church Isn't About GETTING...
It's Really About GIVING...**

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:16

Is The Head Coordinating Your Activity?

- **My TIME: Whose AGENDA Are You On?**
- **TALENT: What Are Your Skills SPENT On?**
- **TREASURE: Who CONTROLS The Cash**

**Reason #5 Church Isn't a BUILDING You Attend...
It's a BODY You're a Part Of...**

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ . . . The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 1 Corinthians 12:12, 21

I Will Never GO to Church Again... I Will BE the Church!