

CHRISTIANITY 101

Lesson #4

WHY DO I NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

Is it really necessary?

Hebrews 10:25

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.

WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSE?

- God is everywhere, then why can't I just worship Him at home?
 - But, I feel closer to God in the woods.
 - There are too many hypocrites in church.
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GOD IS EVERYWHERE CAN'T I JUST WORSHIP HIM AT HOME?

- It is true that God is everywhere.
 - God is **Omnipresent** – In all places or everywhere.
 - God is **Omnipotent** – All powerful, Unstoppable, Supreme.
 - God is **Omniscient** – All knowing.
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I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST TO MORE
WORDS TO DESCRIBE GOD TO YOU THIS
MORNING....

God is **Inme**present – God is in me.

God is **InU**present – God is in you.

WHEN WE GATHER TOGETHER, JESUS IS IN OUR MIDST.

- When three or more are gathered in My name I am there with you.

BUT, JESUS ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE WITH JUST ME!

- **Matthew 28:20** Jesus said, “.....And surely, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
 - King James version say, “And lo I am with you always.”
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WE ARE ALL A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.

- **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** 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. 13. For we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greek, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
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WE NEED EACH OTHER TO FUNCTION AS GOD INTENDED.

- **1 Corinthians 12:4-7** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit, 5. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. 7. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
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GOD'S SPIRIT LIKE THE AIR BECOMES ACTIVE WHEN IT IS IN US.

- **Genesis 2:7** The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.
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HOW DID THE HOLY SPIRIT COME TO THE CHURCH?

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like **a violent rushing wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

WHAT ABOUT THE HYPOCRITES?

- We are all sinners saved by God's grace.
 - Christians aren't perfect.
 - Christians are forgiven and getting better.
 - I'd rather spend an hour a week with Christians in Church, than to spend eternity in hell with hypocritical non-believers.
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GOING TO CHURCH WAS JESUS & THE APOSTLES CUSTOM & IT SHOULD BE OURS.

- **Luke 4:16** He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. And He stood up and read.
 - **Acts 17:2** As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures.
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YOU NEED THE CHURCH.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

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