

THE
WHY SHOULD I
SERIES

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“WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Acts 2:41-47

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Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

WHY SHOULD I...

GO TO CHURCH

A.) *Because the Church is God's creation*

The church is a unique gathering
that God has assembled to be His own special people

1.) To be a unique gathering

No one is excluded from coming to Christ,
but to those who do come, they become a gathering

Acts 2:40-41

And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

How Unique?

Acts 2:8-11

"And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹ "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ "Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ "Cretans and Arabs-- we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

We're to be a Unique - GATHERING

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Because the Church is God's creation

2.) To do His will in the world

God's desire is to use His people to get a job done -
And that job is to reveal the heart of God

Passionate Lives
Dedicated Lives
Practical Lives

- Passionate Lives = we have something worth living for
- Dedicated Lives = we know the Lord personally
- Practical Lives = everyday with Jesus makes a difference

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

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Because the Church is God's creation

3.) To bring Him glory

The Christians life is a living, breathing, billboard
about God's love for people

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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B.) Because the family of God is there

The church is where we can come together
United as one - to do God's will

Ephesians 3:12-15

in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

1.) All of us need to study God's Word to grow

God's Gift of Teaching and Preaching
Happens in the church setting...

2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

All of us are New Spiritual Creations
And much of our diet is served in church

1 Peter 2:1-3

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

2.) All of us need to break from the past

We need encouragement to look ahead

Just Try To Encourage Someone Who's Down

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

***For some it's a break from a...
Religious past bound in traditions of men***

***Others
From a life of self-centered sin***

3.) *All of us need to share our experience*

It's among God's people that you can share
about what God is doing in your life freely...

Malachi 3:16

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.

James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

4.) *All of us need each other equally*

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.

There is no holiness of living
In living alone

Monkey's Can do Nothing
for Real Living

Live Together / In the Lord / All the Time

We Need Each Other –
And it's a bother at times

Marriage is to make you holy, not happy

WHY SHOULD I...

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3.) *Because the churches future is awesome*

Church is where we can encourage others and be encouraged by others
about our awesome future together with God

If You Have a Flight to Catch
(And you're on stand-by - you're ready and watching)

We're Going to Heaven

Let's Talk about Heaven more
Let's Do Heaven Things more
Let's Invest in Heaven more

California Dreamin'

This is Califia

I Wonder, When We Get There will There be...

Because the churches future is awesome

1.) *Because of what God has said in the Bible*

He has promised heaven to all those
who will come to Him in faith.

A Hope-filled life

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He
will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

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Because the churches future is awesome

2.) Because of what God is doing in us right now

Our labor and efforts and investments
will not go unrewarded by God in eternity.

A Valuable life

God is Doing Things in My Life
With a heavenly destination in mind

??? Do You Know What I Mean ???

How Will This Effect My Relationship With God?
Does This Help my Relationship with God?

Are You Living in **Light of Eternity?**

or

Are You **Making Light** of Eternity in Your Living?

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Because the churches future is awesome

3.) Because He has a venture of faith for you & I

The Lord has a special "gift box" tailor-made for you and I

that nobody else on the planet is right for.

A Meaningful life

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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Because the churches future is awesome

4.) Because all of our sins have been forgotten by God

Wait - Forgiving or Forgotten?

Forgiveness comes first
Forgetting comes second, third, forth, fifth...

Romans 4:7-8

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

No Meter Running - record

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you. (having done, past tense)

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

2000 years ago when Jesus went to the cross,
God the Father was fully satisfied with what Jesus accomplished.

A Carefree life

The Benefits of His Cross are...

Hebrews 8:12

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

THE PERSONAL APPLICATION

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Passion / Conviction / With Application

1 John 1:3-4

that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.