

Dear Tim,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked why we should go to church.

The word “church” according to Strong’s Concordance means “a calling out” or “a community of members on earth or saints in heaven or both.” Meeting together with other Christians to study the word of God is a great privilege. When we assemble together we not only learn from each other but we also support and encourage one another as we build up each other in our most precious faith. The Apostle Paul admonishes us to “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds” and not “give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:24-25) Our Lord Jesus said, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

Christians are often referred to as “the body of Christ.” Just as the human body is made up of many parts, so is Christ’s spiritual body. Because each body part is needed and has a specific function, “there should be no division in the body, but its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it.” (1 Corinthians 12:25-27) Meeting on a regular basis with our brethren helps us understand and appreciate the very different and needed personalities that make up the body of Christ while at the same time it gives us the opportunity to build character through patience. Meeting together also keeps us from getting lax and losing our zeal for the Lord and his Truth.

Should we gather together with fellow Christians to study God’s word and encourage each other? Most definitely we should. “Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. ‘They will be mine,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘in the day when I make up my treasured possession.’” (Malachi 3:16-17)

We hope we have answered your question. Please write us again.

Sincerely,
Christian Questions Radio