

Can I Be Christian By Myself?

Acts 20:7 1 Corinthians 1:9 Hebrews 10:25 1 John 1:3

Do you know someone who is a “*Bedside Baptist*” and attends the “*Chapel of the Tube*” ? They make statements like; I do not need to go to church to be a Christian, or I do not need someone preaching at me to make me better. Their focus is inward instead of outward. Maybe they determine how many services they need to attend each week to make themselves feel holy. Is one service enough, or is one service and Sunday School all I need, what about Wednesday nights and special services? Why do we ask ourselves these questions anyway? Why not approach church for what it is; a place to gather with other Christians for the benefit of worshipping God corporately (as a body), a place to grow spiritually, a place to help others as they grow, and a place to be the staging area as we help others find the Lord.

Can a Christian survive outside of a church? The answer is yes.
But the more accurate question we should ask is, is it the will of God for a Christian to live outside or a part from a church? The answer is no.

There are those because of illness, location, or other rare circumstances that it makes it almost impossible for them to gather with others, and God knows these situations and He sheds His grace on them; but for us with all the modern conveniences of life and ease of travel, we are inexcusable in our indifference to assemble for the purpose of honoring God.

From Genesis to Revelation we find those that call upon the only true living God always come together regularly for the purpose of worship and strengthening one another.

It is irrational and irresponsible to say that you are part of a universal church called the body of Christ, then be unwilling to assemble with those members which make up that body. The bible does not separate us by church members and non-church members. Based on the abundance of scripture, it is assumed that if a person is born-again they would gather with other born-again people.

If we were called by God to be saved and then to be in isolation, these following verses would make no sense in the bible and God would seem to be inconsistent with His message.

Remember these scriptures are written to believers. What would be the purpose of these scriptures if we were going to be alone in our faith?

1. Use of spiritual gifts – 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28 / 1 Peter 4:10 / Romans 12:4-8

What is the purpose for using our spiritual gifts?

2. Mutual Ministry – 1 Corinthians 12:14-27 / James 5:14 / 1 Thessalonians 5:11

What is the purpose of ministering to one another?

3. Accountability – James 5:16 / 1 Peter 5:1-5 / Galatians 6: 1-2

What is the purpose of being accountable to one another?

God calls each one of us that are born-again to gather together locally for the purpose of encouraging one another and for worshipping with one another.

Whether or not we recognize it, our selfishness drives us away from other believers. We must understand that God has called us to something greater than that of ourselves.