

Churchmanship

What is God's view on Church?

In a day when church attendance is seen as optional, we must look to God's word for His opinion. This like all doctrine must be subject to God's word, not man's feelings.

Lesson 23

The purpose of this lesson is to answer those who make wrong statements about the church and to build a strong Churchmanship in all true believers.

Introduction

Lesson twelve gave a satisfactory overview of "the Biblical Church". The purpose of this lesson is to establish "Churchmanship" that has been lost in the church today.

I. Why a lesson on Churchmanship is important.

A. Things people say.

"I don't go to church because it's full of hypocrites"

"I'm closer to God at the lake"

"Church! I can take it or leave it"

"I'm a member of God's church not man's church"

B. Things people ought to say.

1. I go to church because it is _____.
CF 1 Tim 3:15
2. I go to church because God's word teaches that believers assembled in local _____.
CF Acts 13:1, 14:27, 15:3-4, 22, 41
3. I go to church because it is God's church. It was not man's idea but God's. Who said He would build His _____?
CF Matt 16:18
4. I do not believe going to the lake instead of God's house is closer to God but disobedient and further from God. According to Hebrew 10:25, What are we commanded to do? _____.
5. I go to church because God is pre_____ Matt 18:20 and because it is God's d_____ p_____ Eph 2:22 and because together it grows into a h_____ t_____. Eph 2:21
6. I go to church because I am a steward and it is required that I be found f_____. 1 Cor 4:1-2
7. I go to church because God has always had a place for people to worship Him.
First it was the _____ CF Gen 4:4, 8:20-21, 12:7, 13:4, 26:25
Second it was the _____ CF Ex 4:34
Third it was the _____ CF 1 Kings 7:51
Today it is the _____ CF 1 Tim 3:5

8. I go to church because God has placed His n_____ and presence in the places He has chosen for His people to worship Him.
CF Deut 16:11, 28:9-10 with Ex 25:8-9, 40:34, 1 King 8:11, Acts 2:1-4, 11:15 and Eph 2:20-22
9. I go to church because Jesus is the h_____ of the body of the church.
CF Col1:17-18

II. How good Churchmanship will effect my life.

- A. I will be f_____ to attend church services.
CF 1 Cor 4:1-2
- B. I will submit to all that the church teaches from God's word including the hard things like church d_____. Matt 18:15-20 and 1 Cor 5
- C. I will be a part of God's s_____ h_____; I will be one of its h_____ p_____; I will offer Him s_____ s_____.
See 1 Peter 2:5
- D. I will see God's house as a house of p_____ and faithfully pray.
See 1 Tim 2:1-8 & Mark 11:17
- E. I will i_____ with the local assembly of Christ church.
*The local assembly was a definable recognizable group.
CF Matt 18:17, Acts 1:15, 2:41, 4:23, 5:11, 13, 6:3, 9:26-28, 15:22, 14:1, 1 Cor 5:13, 14:25
- F. I will worship God in s_____ and in t_____. Jn 4:23-24
*CF vain worship in Mark 7:6-7 and consider true worship to include the engaging of ones mind, emotions and will.
- G. I will be a part of my church family as a true br_____ or si_____.
CF Heb 10:25, 1 Peter 1:22
- H. I will not gossip about my p_____ 1 Tim 5:17-20 or anyone 2 Thes 3:11-15.
- I. I will practice faithfully the ordinance of the church which are b_____ Matt 28:19 and c_____ 1 Cor 11:22-26.
- J. I will influence my society without using its w_____.
CF 2 Cor 10:1-5
- K. I will choose to fellowship with my brothers and sisters because that is what brothers and sisters do (CF 1 Thes 4:9)

*Use your concordance and find no less than 10 one another verses.

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L. I will open my heart to all who come through the church doors and exclude none due to color, social status or hang-ups. I will _____ all CF Rom 14:1, 15:7

M. I will s_____ the Lord in His church with gladness.
CF Rom 12:11, Psa 100:2

N. I will submit to the Pastor's knowing they watch over my s_____.
CF Heb 13:17, with 13:7 and 1 Thes 5:12-13

Memory Verse:
Matthew 16:18