

Why Church

Hebrews 10: 19 – 25

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¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Because Hebrews 10: 25 Says So

- If the Bible says so, Christians are duty bound to comply.
- The context clearly states why Church is so important.
 - Without commitment to the local church we do not provoke love and good works.
 - Without commitment to the local church we don't come along side each other.
 - Without commitment to the local church we won't hold fast.

Because the Day is Approaching V. 25c

- The Day refers to the Lord's return.
 - Commonly called the Parousia
- The Parable of the talents tells us that God expects our faithfulness (Matthew 25: 15 – 30).
 - God has expectations for us (Luke 12: 41 – 48)
- Eschatology is given to us to encourage us to do what God tells us to do in His word.
 - He is coming despite the fact that two thousand years has passed since He promised.

Because Apostasy is Already Taking Place. Vv. 26 – 39.

- The Summary of this long passage.
 - What is an apostate?
- What causes apostasy?
 - Persecution, False teachers, temptation, neglect, clinging to old worldly ways, and forsaking the Christian fellowship.
- The evidence that apostasy is already taking place.
 - Scripture says so.
 - History proves it.

Conclusion

- We need to be faithful to the church because God has told us to be in Hebrews 10: 25.
- We need to be faithful to the church because He is coming back soon - the Day is approaching.
- We need to be faithful to the church because apostasy is already taking place
- We need to be faithful to the church because we need the church and the church needs each of us.