

# L13 | "Why Should I Go to Church?" | 1 The. 2:1-12

## I. Intro/Review:

1. How do I handle sufferings?
  - 1.1 - Suffering from without
2. How do I handle depression?
  - 2.1 - The inward effect of the sufferings from without

## II. Preview:

1. Why Should I Go to Church?
  - 1.1 - Lost
  - 1.2 - Found
2. What is the church?
  - o Definition
  
  - 2.1 - Assembly
  - 2.2 - The Word of God
  - 2.3 - The Manner

## III. Sermon:

### 1. Why should I go to church?

- 1.1 - Christ
- 1.2 - Eternal Life
- 1.3 - Truth (not perfection)
- 1.4 - Eternal Family

### 2. What is the church?

- Definition

1. Not a building, not an organization of programs, systems, and methods dedicated to attracting members and money.
2. Not what saves you
3. A group of individuals that have been bought with a price
  - A group of individuals bought with a price that assembly, that gather in a place together
4. The gathered assembly that represents God's presence (1 Tim. 3:14-15)
5. An living organism institution in which can only be joined by virtue of faith in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ communing together.
6. The one new man in which has put off the old man and while in this life puts off the old man and has put on the new man and while on earth puts on the new man.
7. The one body, being the embassy of heaven on earth representing their Head, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2.1 - Assembly

### 2.1.1 - Ekklesia - a called out and calling out assembly

- Acts 20:28 - "to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."
- Acts 14:27 - "and when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed..."
- Eph. 1:13 - "...after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,"
- Eph. 1:22 - "And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church,"
- 1 Cor. 1:2 - "unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,"
- 1 Cor. 11:18 - "...when ye come together in the church,"
- 1 Cor. 14:23 - "if therefore the whole church be come together into one place,"
- Rom. 12:3ff - "one body"
- 1 Cor. 1 - "the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord"
- Heb. 10:24-25
  - Selfish people don't gather

## 2.2 - The Word of God - Hos. 4:6

### 2.2.1 - Message

- The gospel, ministry of reconciliation - 2 Cor. 5; Eph. 1; 1 The. 2; 1 Tim. 2
- The knowledge of the truth - 1 Cor. 1-2, Eph. 1 & 4
- Communion

### 2.2.2 - 1 Cor. 12 - drink into the same Spirit

### 2.2.3 - Centered on God's Word

## 2.3 - The Manner

### 2.3.1 - display of God's holiness and love

### 2.3.2 - 1 Cor. 10 - "one bread" to be broken

### 2.3.3 - Rom. 15:1ff; Gal. 6 - bear burdens

### 2.3.4 - Heb. 10:24-25

- Love one another
- Encourage
- Buildup - Eph. 4
- Admonish - Rom. 15
  - Pray

### 2.3.5 - Eph. 5 - submit one to another

### 2.3.6 - the church cultivates a heavenly culture

- Church discipline

## IV. Conclusion: