

I Don't Know What I Believe  
The Church

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**Psalm 92:12-13** The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

**Hebrews 10:23-25** (NIV) Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Why Church?

1. Because Jesus died for it.

**Ephesians 5:21-27** Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband has authority over his wife just as Christ has authority over the church; and Christ is himself the Savior of the church, his body. And so wives must submit themselves completely to their husbands just as the church submits itself to Christ. Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave his life for it. He did this to dedicate the church to God by his word, after making it clean by washing it in water, in order to present the church to himself in all its beauty—pure and faultless, without spot or wrinkle or any other imperfection.

**Hebrews 10:23** (NLT) Let us hold tightly without wavering to the **hope we affirm**, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

**Hebrews 1:19-20** And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.

2. Because you are a necessary part of it.

**1 Corinthians 12:27** (NLT) All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it"

**Hebrews 10:24** (NLT) Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

3. Because the times we live in demand it.

**Hebrews 10:25** (GNT) Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.

**What does “the day of The Lord” refer to?**

- ✓ Your own impending mortality.
- ✓ A coming physical disaster.
- ✓ The day The Lord returns.

What does the church do?

- ✓ It is ministry unto God.

**Psalm 34:3** Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

- ✓ It is ministry unto Believers.

**1 Corinthians 1:18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- ✓ It is ministry unto this world.

**Matthew 16:13-18** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

**Acts 4:20** For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.

**Walk Away:** Let’s not focus on doing church, but focus on being the church.