

# Y'all

## **Intro video:**

Heb 10:23-25

Why come to church?

Why not get some teachings on your own to go about your day?

Why meet together?

What are you here for?

You cannot throw a surprise party for yourself

You cannot wrestle by yourself, play Marco Polo by yourself, water ski by yourself and you cant live the Christian life by yourself

If you came for a latte and a life coach...you will be disappointed  
(solo)

## **Problem:**

Contrast how we read you singular versus plural

Rom 1:7 grace to you all (with the exception of 1-2 Tim. and Titus every letter to a church- no sense individually)

To have a personal relationship with Christ is to have a personal relationship with His Church

Acts 20:28 (Jesus loves His church)

Acts 22:4-8 (to say "I love Jesus but not His church" is to deny Jesus)

To love Christ is to love His Church

In other words...

## **Main Idea:**

A personal relationship with Christ does not mean a private relationship with Christ

A personal relationship with Christ does not mean a personalized relationship with Christ

A personal relationship with Christ does not mean a passive relationship with Christ

## **Implication:**

A personal relationship with Christ is a public relationship with His Church

It is a participation

in Her proclamation

in Her presentation

In Her purpose

## **Application:**

Rom 12:9 Your salvation should not be secret

We are the building, the temple, of Christ on earth- His beacon of living stones

Rom 12:10 Your sanctification should not be solitary

We are the bride, the community, of Christ on earth- His preview of a perfect family

Rom 12:11 Your service should not be selfish

We are the body, the physical manifestation, of Christ on earth- His hands and feet

## **Outro video:**

Body.bride.building

## **Articles for further study:**

<https://www.firstthings.com/blogs/firstthoughts/2015/06/liberalism-and-the-church>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/does-jesus-hate-religion-kinda-sorta-not-really/>

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Text:

**A personal relationship with Christ does not mean a private relationship with Christ**

Rom. 1:8 ¶ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of **you**, because **your faith is proclaimed** in all the world.

Rom 16:19; Eph 1:15-16; col 1:3-4; 1 Thess 1:6-10; philem 4-6 (a personal relationship is not meant to be a private relationship)

1 Cor 3:16-17 (we corporately are the temple)

Ex 29:42-45 (the more permanent tent of meeting, the visible dwelling of God on earth)

1 Pet 2:4-9 (a beacon of living stones of a holy priesthood)

Eph 2:19-22; 5:8-14 (a hoy lighthouse -we are a gospel proclamation)

Matt 5:13-16 (to love Christ is to love His Church - to participate in Her proclamation)

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**A personal relationship with Christ does not mean a personalized relationship with Christ**

Rom. 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, **that without ceasing I mention you**

Rom. 1:10 always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to **you**.

Rom. 1:11 For **I long to see you**, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to **strengthen you**—

Rom. 1:12 that is, that we may be **mutually encouraged** by each other's faith, both **yours** and mine.

Col 2:1-3(a personal rel. is not a personalized relationship)

Eph 5:22-27 (we are together the bride of Christ)

Jn 17:20-23 (the preview of a perfect fellowship, a perfect family)

Rev 19:6-8 (we are the Holy community of Christ on earth making our wedding dress together- we are a gospel present)

2 Cor 11:1-6 (To love Christ is to love His Church - to participate in Her presentation)

Your sanctification should not be solitary

We are the bride, the community, of Christ on earth- His preview of a perfect family

**A personal relationship with Christ does not mean a passive relationship with Christ**

Rom. 1:13 I do not want **you** to be unaware, brothers, that **I have often intended to come to you** (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some **harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles**.

Rom. 1:14 I am **under obligation both to Greeks (educated) and to barbarians (uneducated), both to the wise and to the foolish**.

Rom. 1:15 So **I am eager to preach the gospel to you** also who are in Rome.

Col 3:5-11 (no identity politics "here" 3:11???)

Eph 2:11-18 (the church - we are one body)

Eph 4:12-16 (harvest among you - internal maturity body building...and external

1 Cor 12:12-26 (we are His hands and His feet, the physical manifestation of Christ in this world - we are a gospel partnership)

Rom 12:3-8 (to love Christ is to love His Church - to participate in Her purpose)

your service should not be selfish

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