

Why do people of faith attend church?

1. To be obedient to God.

Heb.10:23-25

- “23. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;
(for he is faithful that promised;)
24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner
of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more,
as ye see the day approaching.”

We understand from these verses of scripture that God does not want us to waver regarding his promise.

The way to express that we are not wavering and that we believe the promise, is to consider one another, to provoke or motivate each other to do good works, to love each other and by coming together consistently for times of fellowship and service.

Assembling together is extremely important for those who believe in Jesus Christ. It keeps us on track. I personally need people to check me out, look me over and to hold me accountable.

2. To share in praise and worship to God with other believers.

Psalms 122: 1-4

- “1. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:
4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of
Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.”

This Psalm addresses David's excitement about gathering with other believers to worship the Lord. People of God should be glad, especially when it's time to go to church.

People of faith have always come together to give God thanks.

Heb.8: 1&2

- “1. Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such
an high priest, who is set on the right hand

of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;
2. A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.”

Jesus is our high priest and the minister of the sanctuary. So He is in every sanctuary (that’s been established by him) receiving thanksgiving, worship, and praise.

3. We come to give exhortation and encouragement to each other.

James 5: 13-16

- “ 13. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry?
let him sing psalms.
14. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church;
and let them pray over him, anointing him
with oil in the name of the Lord:
15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise
him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
16. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another,
that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous
man availeth much.”

A key phrase in this passage is "among you." You can see those among you and they can see you when we gather to worship. Here you find unity and togetherness in one place. Coming together is a righteous act. We can confess our faults so we can pray for each other effectively. To come together in unity, to see each other and to express love to one another is the will of God. There is so much more I can say on this topic but for now stay blessed.

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