

“We Just Don’t Go To Church”

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A young couple who had not been to church services for a number of years asked, “What have we done wrong besides not going to church?” They had robbed God of thousands of dollars (1 Corinthians 16:1-2); they had forsaken the Lord’s own memorial supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26); for years their voices were unheard in the praises of the saints, their petitions and thanksgivings absent from the prayers of the saints, and their knowledge of God’s word stifled and fading, while their spiritual growth was completely neglected — to say nothing of the bad example set and the wrong influence exerted upon others around them! Indeed, their souls had become dead to God, and yet they ask: “What have we done wrong besides not going to church?” May God help us to see ourselves as He sees us!

On the first day of the week —

We Come Together, To Do Together, What God Has Commanded Us To Do Together

{Five Acts of Worship}

1. Remember the Lord’s death in His memorial feast: *“first day of the week,”* Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
2. Give of our means as we have prospered and purposed in our hearts: *“On the first day of the week,”* 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
3. Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16
4. Pray to God on behalf of each other and all men, Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 2:1-4
5. Continue steadfastly in “the apostles’ doctrine” (New Testament) by studying, reminding, exhorting, Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-2

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