

What Does The Bible Say?

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“I can get my religion at home.” Have you ever heard someone say that? Have you ever said it yourself? Many have the idea that if they watch some religious program on TV then all will be well as they say the sinner’s prayer and lay their hands on their 42 inch lcd. What does the Bible say? Do you care what the Bible says? Do you care what God’s will is in your life or are you just going to do what you want to do? If that is the case stop wasting your time reading this. If you actually care what the Bible says, read on.

The church is the body of Christ. It is not the individual. *“For in fact the body is not one member but many”* (1 Corinthians 12:14). We are baptized into that body (1 Corinthians 12:12). Jesus is going to save that body (Ephesians 5:23). What church are you a member of as you sit in your aptly named lazy-boy? The man who says “I can get my religion at home” usually hurls all manner of insults towards the idea of “church.” He is insulting the bride of Christ. He is insulting the body of Christ. He is insulting who Christ died for. He is insulting Christ! And he thinks that Christ is going to save him???

The church assembles together (Acts 20:7). The church assembles for a purpose. They commune *together*. They sing *together*. They pray *together*. They give for *one another*. They come *together* for a reason. They were commanded to *gather* for that purpose. The man who prefers to practice his religion at home while he eats his Wheaties cares nothing about the church assembling. He forsakes the Lord’s supper. He forsakes giving of his means. He forsakes worshiping as God would have him! And what does the Bible say? *“The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him”* (John 4:23). I know who the Father is seeking. Who are you seeking is the question.

The church is the pillar of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15) – No we did not write it, despite what our Catholic friends say. We hold it up. We rightly divide it. We teach it as it is the will of God revealed. It is the truth. Do you seek the truth? Do you seek the Lord’s church? Not man’s church, but the Lord’s church? Do you believe you can do whatever you want and still be saved? Does your church teach things that are not found in the Bible? Please, please understand just how important the Lord’s church really is. The Lord wants to add you to His church.

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