

30+ Things You Miss By Not Attending Church

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Kevin Halloran posted an article on crosswalk.com listing 30+ things you miss by not attending church. He noted that according to recent Pew Research data only 35% of American "Christians" consider attending religious services as an essential part of their faith. He pointed to these reasons for the complacency, and I think he "hit the nail on the head." (1) The rise of secularism in society; (2) A celebration of individual autonomy paired with a rejection of institutional faith and authority; and (3) "finding God in other places." He also noted that for many in more comfortable settings, church isn't a priority. Sleep, soccer games, Netflix, football, or the lake house take priority. But then he said, "When we push God's agenda and people out of our lives, we reap the consequences." **No kidding.** With the space remaining, let me list a few of his "things you miss:"

1. You miss out on obedience to the command to not give up meeting together (Heb. 10:24-25).
2. You miss out on loving God in your obedience, and as a result, experiencing him more deeply (Jn. 14:21).
3. You miss out on loving Jesus by loving the bride he laid his life down for (Eph. 5:25-27; Acts 20:28).
4. You miss out on hearing God's Word faithfully proclaimed, and thus growing in faith (2 Tim. 4:1-2; Rom. 10:17).

If you'd like a copy of the entire list, then see the web site or ask me for a copy.

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