

Why Go to Church?

In a “Letters to the Editor” column of a certain newspaper, a church-goer had written this letter explaining that it made no sense to attend church every Sunday: *“I’ve gone for thirty years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3000 sermons.. But for the life of me I can’t remember a single one of them. So I think I’m wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”* This resulted in an outpouring of letters for the column, which continued for weeks until someone wrote the following: *“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!”*

What benefit is there in “going to church”?

- Going where the true Gospel is preached, you learn of the salvation God has provided, and how to accept Christ (Romans 1:16; 5:1-6:18).
- As a Christian, you remember Christ in the weekly partaking of the Lord’s Supper as He instructed (1 Corinthians 15:23-26; Acts 20:7).
- You are instructed by the teaching and preaching of God’s word (Acts 20:32; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; Matthew 4:4).
- You worship God and encourage fellow believers (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 10:25-26).