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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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WHY CHRISTIANS ASSEMBLE

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Some Christians today have a lax attitude regarding assembling. One must understand the importance of assembling for worship. Sharing, communing, and participating occurs when we assemble.

When Christians today choose not to assemble they miss this opportunity to participate together in sharing, communing and worshipping God.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's give some attention to why Christians today are to assemble together in worshipping God.

It Is A Command Of God To Assemble The Hebrew writer says, “*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching*” (Hebrews 10:24-25). The word “*forsaking*” means to abandon or desert. When one abandons the practice of assembling he is disobeying God. He wants us to be strong in assembling for worship services (Acts

2:42). Also, when assembling is being forsakened, so is the opportunity for one to exhort one another which is also commanded.

Edify One Another

Christians need encouragement and building up from time to time. First of all, when we assemble to sing to one another we are teaching and admonishing one another (Col. 3:16; Ephesians 5:19). The very words being sung should edify each member. Second, the preaching of the gospel should edify and build up each member. Thirdly, Paul says, “*From whom the whole body joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love*” (Ephesians 4:16). When we examine the human body it has muscles, tendons, and blood vessels. Each part of the human body functions holding each part together. When we assemble together we are edifying and building up every member in the body of Christ. What is the outcome when assembling is not taking place? One misses the opportunity to edify the brethren.

Remember The Lord's Death The Lord's supper was instituted by Christ as a memorial for all Christians to observe. This memorial represents His body and His blood which was shed on Cavalry's cross. Jesus has given us words of instruction on how this is to be observed. “*Take eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.*” “*This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me*” (1Cor.11:24-25). Christians are to partake of the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:7). This memorial reminds us of the sacrifice Christ paid so we could have the remission of our sins. What results when one does not assemble? One misses the opportunity to remember the Lord's death which is commanded in the Lord's supper.

We have demonstrated the importance of coming together to worship. Our assembling is commanded of God in order to edify the brethren, and remember the Lord's death. When one chooses not to assemble he is not fulfilling his responsibility in serving God.