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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ "A socialist is someone who has read Lenin and Marx. An anti-socialist is someone who understands Lenin and Marx."
Ronald Reagan
- ~ It is extremely easy to give major attention to minor matters and minor attention to major matters.
- ~ When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.
- ~ If life looks cloudy, maybe the windows of your soul needs washing.

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Do We Have To Attend Church? By John T. Polk II

QUESTION: "Why do we have to 'attend church services?'"

ANSWER: Because Jesus meets with His disciples when they meet together. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

1. The day He was raised from the dead. The first day of the week when Jesus was resurrected (John 20:1-10), "Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and

stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord" (John 20:19-20). Thomas (not "doubting") missed this assembly (a.k.a. "church") but made sure he was there in the next one (John 20:24-29).

2. The day Jesus was first preached after His resurrection. Believers were told: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit ... those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:38, 41-42). The church of Christ began with meeting on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1; Leviticus 23:15, 16).

3. Disciples meeting together were given the name "Christian." "Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11:25-26).

4. Willful forsaking "the assembling of ourselves together" cannot save one's soul. "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. For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (Hebrews 10:24-26). "Forsaking" means "leaving behind," "not to be used or close" (2 Timothy 4:10). The forsaker misses being stirred up to more love and to do

more good works, and the presence of Jesus Christ. Separating oneself from the assembled body of Jesus identifies those who are "Antichrist:" "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us" (**1 John 2:19**).

5. Those who love Jesus (and not a preacher or building!) want to attend: "If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!" (**1 Corinthians 16:22**). ---jtpll

CONCERNING HEAVEN

1 God **THOUGHT** it

- Titus 1:2
- 2 Timothy 1:9
- 1 Peter 1:2
- Revelation 13:18



3 Satan **FOUGHT** it

- Genesis 3:5
- Matthew 4:1-11
- 1 John 3:8
- Hebrews 2:14
- Luke 22:31
- 1 Peter 5:8

5 The Scriptures **CAUGHT** it

- 2 Peter 1:30-21
- Romans 16:26
- 2 Peter 3:15-16



2 Christ **BOUGHT** it

- Hebrews 8:6
- Colossians 2:14
- 1 Peter 1:18-19
- 1 Corinthians 6:20
- Acts 20:28

4 The Holy Spirit **TAUGHT** it

- 1 Cor. 2:8-13
- 1 Peter 1:12
- Ephesians 3:5

6 Have You **SOUGHT** it?

- Matthew 6:33
- Hebrews 11:6
- Matthew 29:20

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HEAVEN?
HEAVEN IS THINKING ABOUT YOU!**

HE'S STILL WORKING ON ME

By: Joel Hemphill

CHORUS:

**He's still working on me to make me what I ought to be.
It took Him just a week to make the moon and stars,
The sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars.
How loving and patient He must be, He's still working on me.**

**1. There really ought to be a sign upon the heart,
Don't judge her yet, there's an unfinished part.
But I'll be perfect just according to His plan
Fashioned by the Master's loving hands.**

CHORUS: (repeat)

**2. In the mirror of His Word reflections that I see
Make me wonder why He never gave up on me.
He loves me as I am and helps me when I pray
Remember He's the Potter, I'm the clay.**

CHORUS: (repeat)

*All day they twist my words;
All their THOUGHTS are against me for evil.
When I cry out to You,
Then my enemies will turn back;
This I KNOW, because God is for me.
- Psalm 56:5, 9*