

# Attendance

Faithful, Regular, Steadfast



1 Corinthians 11:17-18, 20, 33-34

“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 10:25**

# The church is to come **TOGETHER**

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- **On the first day of the week**
  - Acts 20:7
- **EVERY first day of the week**
  - Exodus 20:8-11



# Reasons to come **TOGETHER**

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- **To break bread – Lord's Supper**

- Acts 20:7

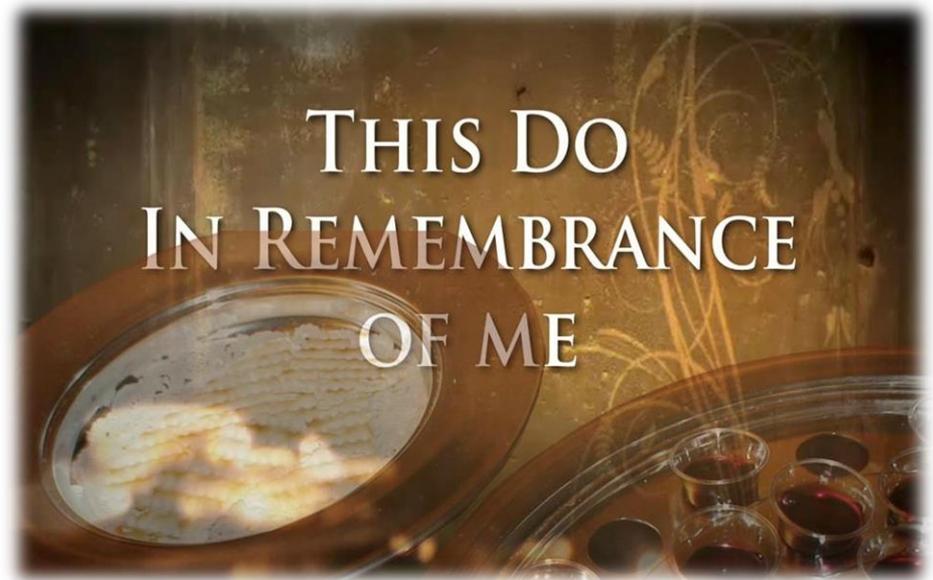
- 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

- Other reasons:

- Matthew 28:20

- 1 John 5:3

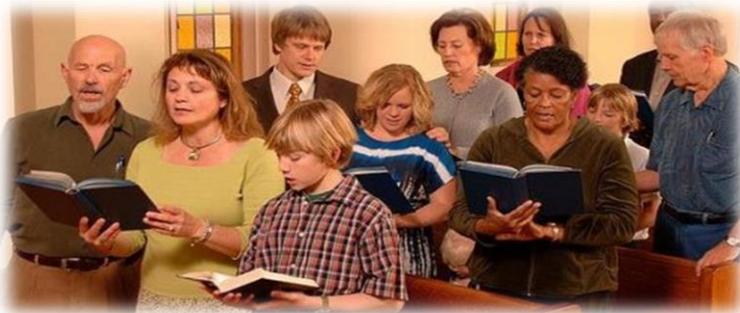
- John 14:23



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- **To lay by in store -- giving**
  - 1 Corinthians 16:1-2
- **To sing praises to God**
  - Colossians 3:16
  - Hebrews 2:12



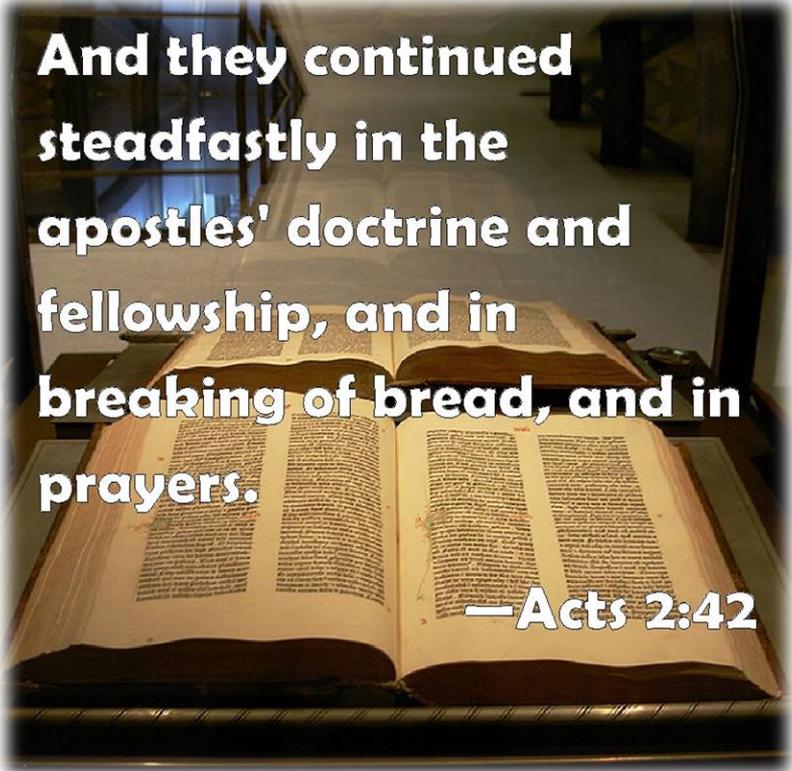
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- **To follow the example of Acts 2:42**

- **Leviticus 23:15-16**

- Continued in the Apostle's Doctrine
    - Fellowship (singing, giving)
    - Breaking bread
    - Prayer

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**—Acts 2:42**

# Why some fail to come **TOGETHER**

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- **Possible fear of persecution**

- Hebrews 10:23-39

- Acts 20:22-24

- **Unbelief**

- Hebrews 3:12

- Hebrews 4:2

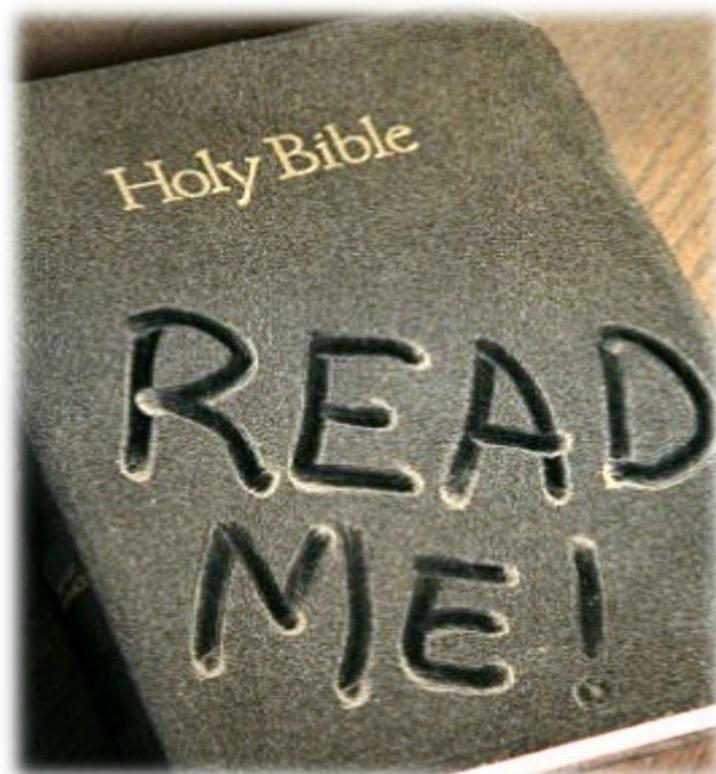
- James 2:18



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- **No time or many worldly interests**
  - Luke 14:16-20
  - 2 Timothy 4:10
- **Feeling mistreated**
  - Matthew 18:15-17
- **Services are dull**
  - John 4:24; Luke 14:24



# Must one attend **ALL** the services?

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- **The Bible's answer:**

- **Hebrews 10:25-26**

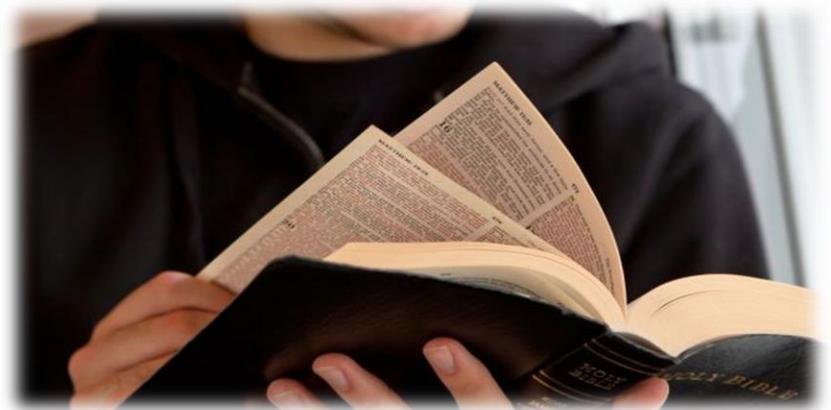
**“Forsake”** 1) To quit or leave entirely; to desert; to abandon; to depart from. 2) To abandon; to renounce; to reject. 3) To leave; to withdraw from; to fail

- **Titus 3:1**

- **Matthew 6:33**

- **2 Peter 3:18**

- **Psalms 122:1**



# Conclusion

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- We are **obligated**
  - To be where God wants us to be
- **Given mandatory appointments**
  - Lord's Day (**Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2**)
  - Death (**Hebrews 9:27**)
  - Judgment (**Acts 17:31**)
  - Eternity (**Matthew 25:46**)



Have you been **faithful**  
in all aspects of your life?

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“And you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your **heart**, with  
all your **soul**, with all your **mind**,  
and with all your **strength**”

**Mark 12:30**

