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Why Assembling Is Important (Frank Jamerson)

Many religious people, and even some in the Lord's church, who have not been taught properly, believe that assembling with other Christians is optional. It is good to assemble if you want to, but if other things are more appealing, little importance is given to meeting with other Christians.

Assembling is a command, not an optional thing for times we do not have better things to do. "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking 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 passage does not say "forsake not the assembly," but "the assembling." It is the act of assembling that we are not to forsake. That action is not limited to

an assembly in which the Lord's supper is observed, although it would certainly include this. Any time members of a local church come together, every member should be acting the same— assembling, if possible.

Why should we assemble with other Christians? First, we believe in the Lord's death and resurrection and we declare that faith when we come together on the first day of the week to eat the Lord's supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). When we forsake that, what does it say about our faith and our hope? Do we really believe that He died for us and then He is coming to receive us?

Second, we should assemble to be exhorted to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24). Earlier in this book, the writer said, "but exhort one another daily, while it is called Today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13). There is encouragement to abstain from sin by being with those who have





**BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE BECAME OF AGE, REFUSED TO BE CALLED THE SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, CHOOSING RATHER TO SUFFER AFFLICTION WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD THAN TO ENJOY THE PASSING PLEASURES OF SIN, ESTEEMING THE REPROACH OF CHRIST GREATER RICHES THAN THE TREASURES IN EGYPT; FOR HE LOOKED TO THE REWARD.
(HEBREWS 11:24-26)**

made the same commitment. The Psalmist said, "Oh magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together" (Psalm 34:3). Being with others who love God encourages us to exalt His name.

Third, assembling is essential to the proper functioning of a local church. It has often been asked: If every member were just like me, what kind of a church would this church be? If everyone were like some, we would meet only on Sunday morning and only occasionally on that day. There would be little teaching of God's

word and little praise of the God who sent His Son to die for us.

Assembling with other Christians is essential to obeying God and therefore to going to heaven. There may be reasons for being absent when a person would like to be present, which is not forsaking. The Christian whose heart is set on pleasing God and encouraging others will realize the importance of not forsaking the assembling of himself, "as is the manner of some" (Hebrews 10:25).

Affliction

As the musician tightens the strain on his violin strings, yet is careful not to snap them asunder, but only to secure a sweeter melody and better accord, so God through affliction makes his own children more perfect instruments for His service here and in the life to come. (G. B. F. Hallock)

Sometimes your medicine bottle has on it, "Shake well before using." That is what God has to do with some of His people. He has to shake them well before they are ever usable. (Vance Havner)

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4)

The Most Significant Thing You Could Say About Yourself Today (Jason Hardin)

What do you think it is? It doesn't revolve around what you do, did, or hope to do for a living:

- ✓ "I have a position at..."
- ✓ "I'm a student at..."
- ✓ "I retired from..."

No, it's bigger than that. It doesn't revolve around your social status, your accomplishments, or the perks that flow your way as a result:

- ✓ "We live in..."
- ✓ "I'm a Platinum member."
- ✓ "We went on our dream vacation to..."
- ✓ "I have the corner office on the top floor."

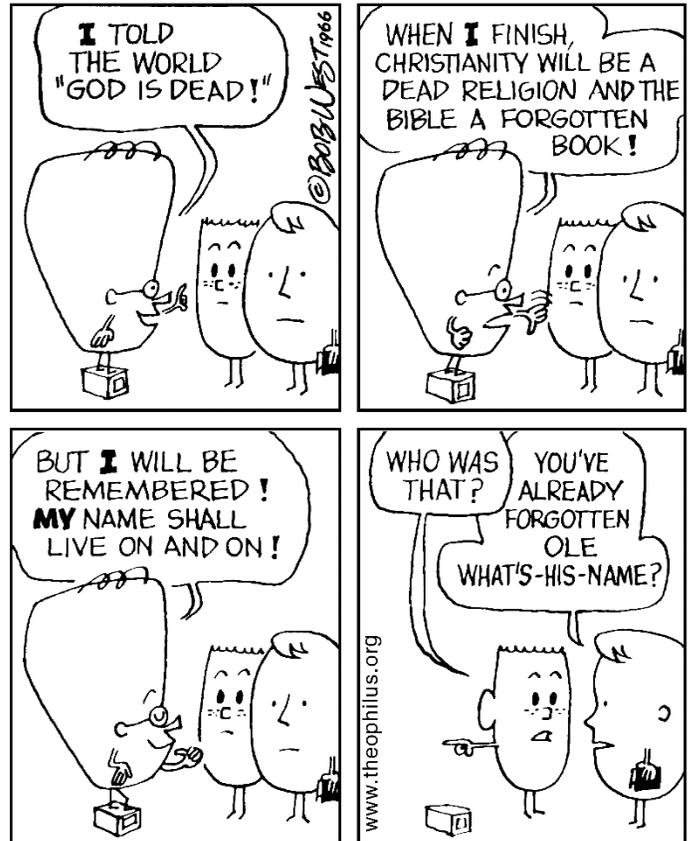
No, it's bigger than that. It doesn't even have to do with your closest relationships, your family tree, or your nationality:

- ✓ "I'm a spouse."
- ✓ "I'm a mother."
- ✓ "My grandfather was..."
- ✓ "I'm a citizen of the United States of America."

No, all those things carry a certain amount of significance, but

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His Claim to Fame



they're not the most significant thing you could say about yourself. So what is? Psalm 116:16, a verse from today's scheduled Bible reading, is a worthy contender: "O Lord, I am your servant."

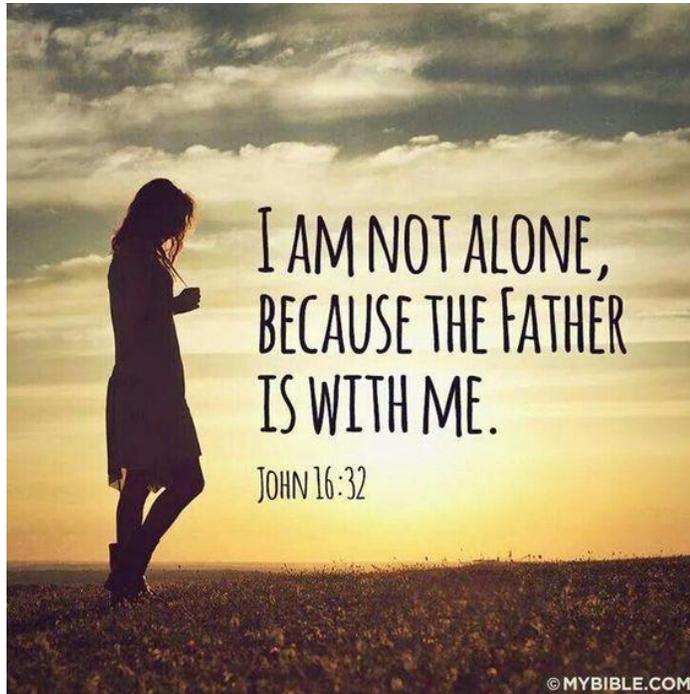
Say that, mean it, live from it, and the other aspects of your life will fall into place. You'll be in harmony with the reason for your existence, the people around you will be blessed by you, and your Father in heaven will get the glory. And in terms of what really matters? There's nothing more significant than that.

Not Clocks Only (Selected)

A good story is told of old Thomas K. Beecher, who could not bear deceit in any form. Finding that a clock in his church was habitually too fast or too slow, he hung a placard on the wall above it

which read: "Don't blame my hands. The trouble lies deeper."

That is where the trouble lies with us when our hands do wrong, or our feet, or our lips, or even our thoughts. The trouble lies so deep that only God's miracle power can deal with it. Sin indeed goes deep; but Christ goes deeper.



Philip, king of Macedon, as he was wrestling at the Olympic games, fell down in the sand; and when he rose again, observing the print of his body in the sand, cried out: "O how little a parcel of earth will hold us, when we are dead, who are ambitiously seeking after the whole world while we are living."

- ⊕ Many have the right aims in life. They just never get around to pulling the trigger.
- ⊕ Let him that would move the world, first move himself. (Socrates)
- ⊕ When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. (Henry Ford)
- ⊕ Failure is the opportunity to begin again, more intelligently. (Henry Ford)
- ⊕ There are two sure things in life:
 1. There is a God.
 2. You are not Him!

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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:

↪ Jamey Hinds, Hollywood, Florida; Roy Fenner, Panama City, Florida

↪ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri

↪ The saints in Nicaragua

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