

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

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Going to church because you belong there....nothing else.

The reason to go to church is because you belong there:

“HOUSEHOLD OF
GOD”

EPH 2

[19](#) So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household,

[20](#) because you have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

[21](#) In him the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

[22](#) in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Verses read:

John 8:58-59, Heb 13:8, Matt 16:18, 1 Tim 6:12, Matt 25:5,6,13, Jer 6:16, Rev 1:17, 2 Tim 3:1-4
Rom 8:3, Is 53:5,6, Rom 3:4, Rom 8:11, John 6:54-56 and many more.... 😊


INTERNAL
VS.
EXTERNAL

Never settle for an **external reason** alone to go to church – this will not last (tradition, habits, seeking something, begin “fed”, nice inspiring pastor, good preaching, nice music etc etc...will not last!

Better, really believe deeply that you are simply part of the household (family) of God. Then going to church is an internal driving force from the fire in your soul.

NB: Your house and family as a comparison can be difficult, boring, far away, complex etc etc
But its family!

GOING TO CHURCH IS A BATTLE AGAINST THE FLESH!

A wide-angle photograph of a large, modern church interior. The ceiling is a prominent feature, composed of large, dark, diamond-shaped panels that are illuminated from within, creating a vibrant blue glow. The floor is filled with a large congregation of people, mostly seen from the back, looking towards the front of the sanctuary. The architecture is contemporary, with clean lines and a focus on light and color. The overall atmosphere is one of a grand, modern place of worship.

THE CHURCH
DOES NOT
NEED SUCCESS
– IT JUST
NEEDS “TO BE”

A person in a dark suit and tie is sitting on wooden church pews. Instead of a head, they have a large yellow emoji of a face with its hand over its mouth. The background is a blurred church interior with wooden paneling and windows.

THE CHURCH
DOES NOT NEED
TO BE
ENTERTAINING –
ITS OFTEN
“BORING” AND
THAT’S OK !



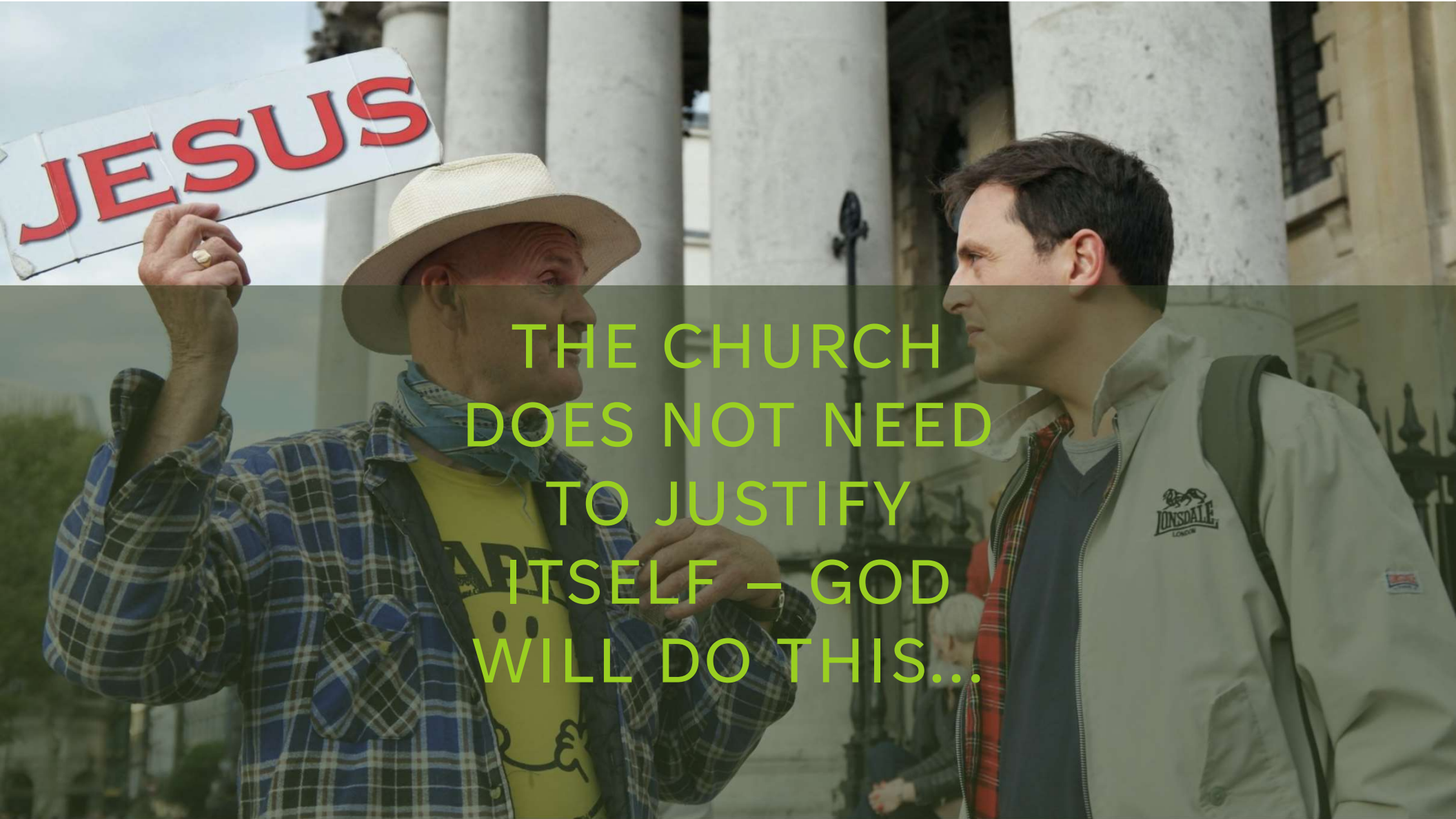
THE CHURCH
IS MORE LIKE A
(SPIRITUAL)
BATTLE – KEEP
FIGHTING!!!!




THE CHURCH
DOESN'T HAVE
TO BE MODERN –
ITS OVER 2000
YEARS OLD !

A man with a beard and a nose ring is smiling. He is wearing a black button-down shirt with a rainbow-colored pin on the chest and a rainbow sash draped over his shoulders. The background is a textured wall with a wooden door and a light fixture visible on the left.

THE CHURCH
DOESN'T NEED
TO BE INCLUSIVE
OR TOLERANT OF
SINS – JUST FULL
OF LOVE 😊



THE CHURCH
DOES NOT NEED
TO JUSTIFY
ITSELF – GOD
WILL DO THIS...



The church
needs people who worship God

Psalm 100:1

Rejoice for the LORD, all the earth;

**2. serve the LORD with joy,
come before Him with joyful singing.**

3. Know that the LORD is God;

He made us – not us –

His people and the sheep of His pasture.

4. Enter His gates with a praise offering,

His courts with a hymn;

praise Him, praise His Name.

5. For the LORD is good,

His kindness is eternal,

His loyalty from generation to generation.



WE RECEIVE LIFE IN CHURCH

John 6

54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

55. For My flesh is the true food and My blood is the true drink.

56. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in him.



CONCLUDING:

THE CHURCH NEEDS JESUS CHRIST

**THE CHURCH NEEDS THOSE WHO HOLD
ON**

**CHRIST NEEDS HIS CHURCH TO BE
WITH HIM**

1 Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek his face.

Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.

Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.

Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is all in all to thee.