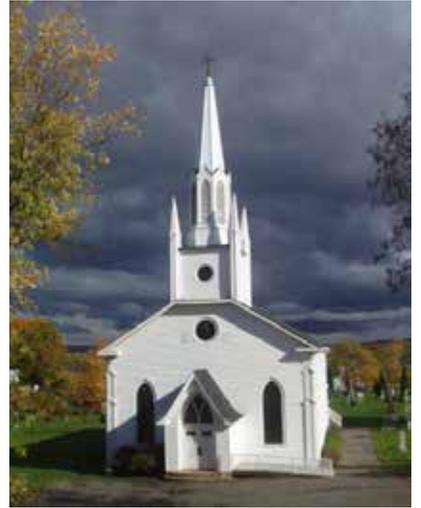


*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."
Psalms 122:1 KJV*

Do you have to be told, "It's time for Church," or do you wait for it with anticipation? Is your heart glad when the day arrives? Does it occupy your thoughts the night before? Are you sad when illness or circumstances hinder you? OR... Is it a just a religious duty? The only way to keep Church from becoming lifeless ritual is to maintain a continuous relationship with God. *"Pray without ceasing"* is a personal invitation to rendezvous with God every waking moment. You'll attend Church bursting to share and fellowship for an hour or two: To sit and hear God's Word expounded, taught, and preached: To watch the new in Christ rejoice as their burden of sin slips forever beneath Calvary's Crimson Flow: To feel loved and appreciated by those who truly understand the sorrow and joy of the walk of faith. But more than this; to know that *"where two or three are gathered together in My [Christ's] name there am I in their midst."* It is the *"House of the LORD!"* Not the building or the structure, but the assembled brethren themselves! The preaching, singing, and fellowship renew and strengthen your soul, spirit, and I dare say your body for a few more days of sojourn in the vale of tears. It is where Shekinah Glory touches souls and fills their *"temple"* until they must *"be still and know that He is God!"* Isn't it shameful we often have to watch out for others not gathered for this purpose! Satan and his go to church regularly. *"These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever."* There is ever the doubter, the tale-bearer, (gossip) and the unruly who Satan uses to advantage in the *"House of the Lord."* It's one thing to discuss Truth, it's quite another to dispute it! I never agree on the spot with "new Truth." I take it under advisement and I go home and study it with my heart tuned to the Holy Spirits guidance. Sometimes I may not know WHAT is wrong with something, but the Spirit always gives me a nod or a prod when there is.



By this shall all men truly know,
The faithful saints and where they go,
Their unfeigned love for Christ's own Church,
Will ne'er His name or theirs besmirch. -CGP

Many attend "church" religiously if for nothing else to "feel" like they've fulfilled their duty to God. Some treat church as a social event; tongues wagging as they gleefully spread some new divisive rumor, ruining lives and reputations without so much as a check of veracity. Many couch gossip in piety by making it "a matter of prayer." Humbug! *"These...things doth the LORD hate: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, AND HE THAT SOWETH DISCORD AMONG THE BRETHREN."* Are your prayer requests thinly disguised gossip? Do your words sow discord? You are on God's "hate" list! Is that where you really want to be? Gathering in *"one accord"* is impossible if one "cord" is frayed.

"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Philippians 2:2-3 KJV