World Victory Church

"The Need for Church"   Wed Nov 28, 2018

I. ***Hebrews 10:23-25***
   A. Understanding the power in numbers
      1. ***Matthew 18:19-20*** *"Where two or three are gathered together…"*
      2. ***Deuteronomy 32:30*** *"One can put a thousand to flight and two can put ten thousand."*
   B. Why do I need church?
      1. Accountability & Exhortation (to urge, advise, call near, admonish)
      2. Provoke unto love and good works
      3. To stay under spiritual authority is the only way to receive the blessing (The need for a covering)
         - Wilderness Wanderers vs. Promise Takers
      4. Church – Calling out; congregation; assembly (Church is the gathering place for those who are called to be separate)
   C. Jesus and the early church
      1. ***Luke 4:16*** *"As His custom was…."*
      2. ***Matthew 21:12-14 –*** Jesus recognized the importance of the temple (local church) and He revealed its purpose: prayer & deliverance to those in need
      3. ***Acts 2:1*** *"they were all with one accord in one place"* (Remember, the local church would not recognize disciples of Jesus or allow them to meet as a group in the temple)
      4. ***Acts 3:1*** Peter & John went to the temple (church) to pray (obviously, this was customary and normal)
      5. ***Acts 4:31-32*** The early disciples were assembled together (in the beginning, this was a house, but later, churches were recognized by all people and even by the Lord in the book of Revelation when He spoke to the 7 churches.)
II. Organized Religion
   A. Without organization, there is only confusion
      1. ***I Corinthians 14:33*** *"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all churches of the saints."*
      2. Deacons, elders, bishops are all Biblical appointments for the order of the church (not to mention the five-fold ministry)
   B. The call for commitment
      1. A tree grows when it is planted/ It does not move from one place to the next
      2. Instead of planning church around your functions, plan your functions around church.
      3. People will be tempted to miss church as the day of The Return draws closer.