
❖SERMON NOTES❖

Sunday, January 21, 2018

“THE HOPE OF THE WORLD”

(Acts 2:40-47)

It's not uncommon to hear from people who say they love Jesus but they've turned their backs on the church. The Bible teaches Jesus gave His life for the church. Today we'll share some more good reasons not to give up on the church.

1. The local church is _____.

2. The local church gives us a context to practice living out the _____.

3. The local church keeps my faith from being just _____.

4. The local church provides me with the wisdom of _____.

5. The local church unites me with others _____.

BONUS REASON: _____.

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1. The local church is commanded for our good.

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24–25, ESV).

2. The local church gives us a context to practice living out the “one anothers” and using our spiritual gifts.

“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other” (1 Corinthians 12:7, NLT).

3. The local church keeps my faith from being just my personalized project.

“One who isolates himself pursues selfish desires; he rebels against all sound wisdom” (Proverbs 18:1, CSB).

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you” (Matthew 28:19-20, NLT).

“God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him” (Romans 8:29, The Message).

4. The local church provides me with the wisdom of generations and other's experiences.

“Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety” (Proverbs 11:14, ESV).

5. The local church unites me with others in a common mission.

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18–20, ESV).

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost” (Luke 19:10, NIV).

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, ESV).

BONUS REASON: Jesus hasn't given up on the Church.

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