The Priority of His Presence

The Proof is in the Pursuit

Philippians 3:12-16

**I. The Pursuit of His Presence Commands Three Responses From Us**

1. The pursuit of His presence commands a response from our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ presence (\_\_\_\_).

2. The pursuit of His presence commands a response from our \_\_\_\_\_\_ presence (\_\_\_\_).

3. The pursuit of His presence commands a response from our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ presence (\_\_\_\_\_\_).

**II. Seven Biblical Reasons Why His Presence Cannot Genuinely Be Pursued Without Church Attendance**

1. The Church is the very organism that Jesus died for to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it in the earth.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. You cannot be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christian without being committed to Christ’s Church.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Custom: An habitual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_… \_\_\_\_\_… \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_… \_\_\_\_\_\_… Regular… Conscience of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_… Natural… Wonted.*

*Practice not only makes permanent. Practice also creates \_\_\_\_\_\_.*

3. The Church is where we find and give \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. The Church is where Jesus has chosen to mature us in spiritual growth.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. The Church is where we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the spiritual gifts.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. The Church is where you avoid a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. The Church is where we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord’s supper.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. The Conclusion of the Matter**

1. We cannot be disciples of Christ if we do not \_\_\_\_ Him.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. There is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without Christ and no \_\_\_\_\_\_ without His Church.

Scriptures: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_