

Saved Without The Church?

"For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body." *Ephesians 5:23 (New King James Version)*

___% of Americans are _____ to any religious group.

What Was Christ's View Of The Church?

A. Determining Christ's attitude toward the church:

1. Luke 19:10 - _____ is the _____ of salvation - not the _____.
2. Matthew 16:18 - Jesus determined to _____ His _____.
The word *ecclesia* refers to _____, not a _____.
3. Ephesians 5:25-27 - The _____ of Jesus' _____ for the church is shown in that He _____ for it.
4. Acts 2:44,47 - When people were _____, it was the _____ who _____ them to the _____.

B. One web site said "There is no church roster that your _____ gets automatically inserted into the moment you choose to follow Christ." Is this the _____ found in the _____?

Why Should A Christian Be Involved In A Church?

A. Are there reasons Christ wants us to be in the church?

1. Ephesians 5:23 - _____ is the _____ of the _____. There is nothing in the Bible to encourage the idea of being an _____ Christian.
2. Help for "one another" in the church:
 - a. Romans 12:4,5 - What good is a _____ or a _____ if they are not "_____ of one another"?
 - b. Colossians 3:16 - In the church we can _____ and _____ one another. We can't do that alone!
 - c. James 5:16 - In the church we _____ our faults to one another, and _____ for one another. These are vital to our faith.
3. Ephesians 2:19-22 - We're not _____, but _____ - citizens with the saints. We're fitted _____ to grow into a holy _____ which _____ will inhabit.

B. The concept of being _____ without being in the _____ is not something we learn from the word of God.

Barna says of church-centered faith: "We _____ it _____." But that's not what the _____ teaches.

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