

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Mark 1:21 - Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught.

Mark 6:2 - And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue.

Luke 4:16 - So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Luke 6:6 - Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught.

Luke 13:10 - Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

Acts 13:14 - But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down.

Acts 17:1-2 - Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures....

Acts 18:4 - And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

These scriptures show clearly that their regular custom was clearly to spend at least part of each Sabbath day in the Temple or a synagogue. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

PLEASE NOTICE GOD'S COMMAND IN LEVITICUS 23:3:

Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

Convocation literally means "speak together," and it has come to mean "an assembly." In this case, God commands a sacred assembly on the Sabbath for instruction and fellowship with other believers. So, YES the Bible does require attendance at worship services on the Sabbath whenever physically possible. This isn't an opinion, this is God's instruction.

Thank You Patricia Smith for the research.

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