

Is Church Attendance Mandatory

No.

To The Point

Nothing anywhere in the Bible speaks of Gentiles attending “Church”. In fact, the Protestant idea of Church, as well as sanctuaries, temples, cathedrals, tabernacles, and alters, is a hand-me-down from the Catholic religion, and they picked it up from Old Testament Jewish temple worship and pagan temple worship. These religious places, along with all the signs and wonders and miracles and tongues, were done away with by the greater miracle: the indwelling Spirit of God in man.

Christianity mistakenly takes a solitary, non-applicable verse from the Bible, found in a non-applicable Jewish Hebrew epistle, written to the Jews, not the Gentiles, takes the verse out of context, applies it to their personal religious belief system, and considers it doctrine for the followers of their false religion.

This article will explain that single verse religion uses to make their claim for mandatory church attendance: who wrote it, to whom it was written, and what it really means. It will also reveal the reason these individuals believe as they do and the fallacies inherent in their religion.

A Jewish Reference

The verse Christianity uses to compel church attendance is found in the Jewish Hebrew epistle called Hebrews.

The book of Hebrews is one of the nine Jewish Hebrew epistles written by a Jew, to Jews, for Jews, about Jews, Jewish laws, and Jewish things and Jewish times. It speaks of the Jews under the Jewish law and obedience to the law as do all the Hebrew epistles (Hebrews through The Book of the Revelation). These books have nothing to do with the Gentiles. In fact, all these Jewish writings became obsolete as the law ended, the Jews scattered, and the Age of Grace began. The world turned the page and neither the Jews, nor their writings were part of the new story.

Also see the many articles on this website, especially “[All Scripture?](#)”, “[It is Finished](#)”, “[Missionary Madness](#)”, “[Why People Cannot Understand](#)”

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This verse in question is not for the Gentiles, not for the body of Christ, and does not even apply to the various false Christian religions that claim it in their own personal belief system.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

So, what does the verse mean and who is it for?

The verse in question addressed a Jewish law, the minyan, that required Jewish men to assemble three times daily for prayer in groups of no less than ten.

The Body of Christ is not that. Even the false religion called Christian is not that. Of course, it's a free country and people can believe what they want to believe. This verse has nothing to do with anyone but the Jews in their religion.

The book of Hebrews, and all of the Jewish Hebrew epistles, were not written to the Gentiles, for the Gentiles, or about the Gentiles, and there is no reference to the Gentiles in the content of any of these letters. In fact, the authors of the Hebrew epistles considered all Gentiles "dogs", even Jesus referred to the Gentiles as such.

There is no Pauline language and no doctrines for the Body of Christ in any of the Hebrew epistles. There are no doctrines that apply to Gentiles in general, and nothing that applies to the man-made Christian religion that one day decided that these books belonged to them, then chose to follow these letters, including the verse in question.

The writer of the book of Hebrews chided those Jews who were "forsaking the assembling together" at the synagogue as required by Jewish law. It has no application to Gentiles in general or the Body of Christ specifically. That modern religion chooses to use this verse, out of context, applying it to their made-up belief system is just one of many errors in interpretation, understanding, and practice common throughout the Christian religion.

The Christianity, including both Protestant and Catholic derivatives, is not a biblical religion any more than Mormonism. All three religions were created by individuals who claim the Bible as their source of inspiration, but do not understand or follow its teachings. Neither do these groups as a whole, or the individuals involved in these religions have the Spirit of God.

Fun Fact: Religion today: Christianity, Covenant / Reformed Theology, Protestantism, The Religion of Rome, Pentecostalism, Charismaticism, Catholicism, Emergent religion, Mormonism, and others, are nowhere found in the Bible. These are all made-up religions that use words from the Bible, out of context, to create errant doctrines and laws they choose to believe, and / or traditions, superstitions, imaginations, errant practices, stories, and extra-biblical writings they choose to follow that have no biblical support.

CONSIDER Even if Paul spoke of Church attendance, he would never have encouraged the members of the Body of Christ to gather in a false religion with those who profess a false gospel, a made-up Jesus, and a false god as is common in the Christian religion today. In fact, Paul did tell his church to avoid errant religions like Christianity, calling such religions "accursed".

Fun Fact: Some believe the Apostle Paul authored Hebrews. He did not (See Hebrews 2:3).

Also see the article on this website "[Did Paul Write Hebrews](#)"

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For more information on this subject, and foundational background on errant religions, continue reading below.

The Rest of the Story

The Christian religion, since before the 4th century, has never had God's blessing or guidance, and this, among other things, because of their disdain for the Jews.

- **First**, Christ's Church consists of individuals who have a relationship with God and possess the indwelling Spirit of God.
- The Christian religion, beginning before the 4th century, is not the Body of Christ. It is a man-made religion void of God's Spirit.
- From the time of the Apostle Paul, people that were not of the Body of Christ despised the Jews for their part in killing Jesus.
- In time, a religion called Christianity developed and these people believe:
 - They have replaced the Jews,
 - God has no further dealings with the Jews,
 - God has transferred to Christianity all the blessings He promised the Jews.
 - The Christian religion is the true Israel
 - They say God didn't give the promised land to the Jews. God promised Abraham and his descendants the land as their possession forever, but Christianity believes it is not on earth, but an allegorical reference to a Heavenly place. The Jews, unlike the Body of Christ, are destined to the earth, and the Gentiles for Heaven. Nowhere in the Bible is it said the Jews have a place in Heaven. So, this idea of a "heavenly land" is wrong, and shows again how little the Christian religion knows about anything Bible.

This concept of Christians supplanting the Jews is not true, of course, yet, it has been the doctrine of Christianity / Covenant / Reformed / Roman / Protestant religion for the entire 2000-year Age of Grace.

As a result of their ignorance and arrogance, God has not given Christianity His Spirit. Without the Spirit of God, there is no possibility of understanding God's Word. Christians view the Bible in confusion and the truth remains elusive. This is the same with other false religions that claim the Bible as their source of guidance such as Catholicism, Mormonism, Pentecostalism, Charismaticism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Evangelicalism, and others that have no place with God. The Gentile Christians follow the Jews in hardness and blindness through the Age of Grace.

Fun Fact: The reason for the numerous versions of Protestantism is the lack of God's unifying Spirit resulting in confusion of not only the Bible, but their worship also.

Fun Fact: Nowhere in the Bible will you find the Gentile Body of Christ called Christianity.

Fun Fact: Christianity is not the Body of Christ. Instead, it is a false religion about God, complete with a false gospel, in many cases a false Jesus, and there is an increase in the instances where the god they worship is not the God of the Bible.

Without God's Spirit, there are many things the Christian religion does not understand in addition to their view on church and church attendance. Here are a few:

- No Spirit means no understanding in all things God, including the Bible.
- Christianity mistakenly believes all the Bible is doctrine for them, and focuses on the four Jewish Gospels and their accounts of the life and ministry of the Gospel Jesus. These Gospels have nothing to do with the Gentiles, the Body of Christ, and certainly not the corrupt Roman pagan Christian Church or its spawn, Protestantism 1500 years future.
- Along with the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, Christianity sees the Jewish Hebrew epistles as guidance for their Church. (the New Testament books of Hebrews through the Book of the Revelation). These writings speak to the Jews under the law and have nothing to do with Gentiles, the Body of Christ, or the modern-day religion called Christian. The Jews, and their writings, were rendered obsolete. The Jews were hardened and scattered and their writings apply to no one in this Age of Grace, as the previous 2000 years demonstrate.
- Christianity chose to use words from the Bible to create the false religion they follow. They took these words out of context leading to doctrines that do not align with Bible truth.
- Neither the Jewish Gospels nor the Jewish Hebrew epistles provide doctrine or guidance for the Body of Christ a.k.a. Christ's Church, whose members have the Spirit of God that replaced the law, signs, wonders, and miracles contained in these Jewish writings.
- Neither water baptism nor tithing applies to the Body of Christ. They do not apply to the Christian religion of today that decided to make them part of their religion.
- The Christian emphasis on missions and evangelism do not exist in the Bible. They are taken from random Bible verses, out of context, and do not apply to the false Gentile Christian religion of today.

Consider In the four Jewish Gospels, during His three-year ministry, Jesus went to the Jew only, deliberately omitting the Gentiles and calling them "dogs", His words. Neither Jesus nor His disciples ministered to, or interacted with the Gentiles, avoiding them entirely, and referring to both the Gentiles and Samaritans as heathens, and sinners.

Post-ascension, Jesus commissioned the Apostle Paul to minister to the Gentiles with a new message that Christ never spoke to His disciples; information the world had never heard, information that God chose for the Gentiles to receive from the mouth of the Apostle Paul, information that had nothing to do with the Jewish Old Testament or the four Jewish Gospels.

That the Christian religion of today believes that Jesus, 2000 years ago, spoke specifically to them, a misguided, biblically ignorant group of Gentiles, without God or the Spirit of God, despising the Jews, preaching a false gospel, a false Spirit, and a phony Jesus, ignoring Christ's messenger to the Gentiles, the

Apostle Paul - and they thinking Jesus commanded them into the mission field to convert the world to their brand of made-up religion is beyond absurd.

Fun Fact: 1600 through 1900 years after Christ, the man-made religion called Protestant Christian simply went through the Bible picking out various verses to create the hodge-podge of things they chose to believe, totally disjointed and out of context. Their belief system has no continuity with the Bible and so, it is a false religion, plain and simple. This is why Christians can believe

- They are the center of all things religion
- They are God's chosen people
- God rejected the Jews
- God transferred all the blessings He gave to the Jews to The Christian religion
- The Jews retain all the curses
- Christianity is Israel
- Deciding God did not really give the Jews the land of Canaan
- Jesus spoke directly to Christians 2000 years ago telling them to "GO YE"
- All the New Testament speaks to the Christian religion
- Baptism is a thing
- Tithing is a thing
- Mandatory Church attendance
- The seven Churches of the Revelation refer to them
- ...and I'm going to be an astronaut.

None of this is remotely true. It's fun to just say stuff. Just saying it doesn't make it so.

Many articles on this website address these topics in detail, especially "[Why the Christian Religion Failed](#)", "[Reading Church Statements](#)", "[The Father of Modern Religion](#)", "[What's Wrong with the Church](#)", "[How to Spot a Covenant Church](#)", "[The History of Religion](#)", "[A discussion on Protestant-isms](#)", "[This Gospel, That Gospel](#)", "[Who's Your Jesus?](#)", "[Replacement Theology](#)", "[It is Finished](#)" and others.

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