

7. WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT NOT HIS CHURCH.

We live in a world where it is not uncommon for Christians from all denominations and walks of life to shun the church.

A Christian Atheist is someone who believes in God but lives as if he doesn't exist.

What is church for you?

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)

"But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." 1 Corinthians 12:18-21 (NLT)

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." Romans 12:4-8 (NLT)

God is not calling us to go to church. He is calling us to _____ his church.

THE CHRISTIAN ATHEIST

1. THE CHURCH IS A PLACE TO _____.

"...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." Romans 12:5 (NRSV)

2. THE CHURCH IS A PLACE TO _____.

"So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through preaching Christ." Romans 10:17 (GN)

"Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you." Matthew 18:20 (CEV)

What will your answer be?

Notes: _____

Bible Translations: New Living Translation (NLT); Contemporary English Version (CEV); New Revised Standard Version (NRSV); The Good News Bible (GN).
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