

CHURCH ATTENDANCE THAT COUNTS

MARVELOUS CELESTIAL CHURCH November 15, 2020

The Church on Earth

I will build my church Matthew 16:18 (NLT2)

Have We Limited Church?

I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. Matthew 16:18 (NLT2)

Physical Church

- Attendance
- Programs
- Buildings
- Funds

LIFE'S WORK AND MINISTRY

Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 1 Corinthians 3:12-13 (NLT2)

Let's Talk ATTENDANCE in Church

CONNECTIONS IN CHURCH

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:25 (NLT2)

CONNECTIONS WITH HEAVEN

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name. Malachi 3:16

ATTENDANCE GROWTH

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT2)

Is Your Church Growing?

- Growing: developing, maturing, thriving, improving
- “Growing in every way more and more like Christ”
- Growing as an increase in number, i.e. church attendance
- Growing in number as a measurement of success and blessing

GOD'S WAY

GOD MAKES IT GROW

It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. 1 Corinthians 3:7 (NLT2)

GOD ADDS TO THE CHURCH

All the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:47 (NLT2)

Consumer church

- Inviting
- Comfortable
- Entertaining
- Nonconfrontational
- Marketable
- Acceptable

ACTIVIST church

- Out there
- Justice
- Projects
- Holy MLM

Church done My Way Could Be Bad

“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’ Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT2)

Marvelous Celestial Church

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Revelation 3:20 (NLT2)

Church Attendance that Counts

Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word.

He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT2)