

## **Why Believe In Church**

**Sunday Morning, June 26, 2011**

**Hebrews 10:16-31**

### **Introduction: Bill Gates on Religion**

#### **1. Church attendance calls your faith.**

**The Lord wants to internalize your faith. (Hebrews 10:16)**

**The Lord wants to install your forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:17-18)**

**The Lord was to initiate your friendship. (Hebrews 10:19-21)**

#### **2. Church attendance changes your faith.**

**a. It summons your faith. (Hebrews 10:22a)**

**b. It secures your faith. (Hebrews 10:22b)**

**c. It scrubs your faith. (Hebrews 10:22c)**

### **Poem: My Church**

#### **3. Church attendance confirms your faith.**

**a. It anchors your faith. (Hebrews 10:23a)**

**b. It acknowledges your faith. (Hebrews 10:23b)**

**c. It attaches your faith. (Hebrews 10:23c)**

### **Illustration: Nice Guys Finish Last**

#### **4. Church attendance changes your friends.**

**a. It lets them know you are considerate. (Hebrews 10:24a)**

**b. It lets them know you are compassionate. (Hebrews 10:24b)**

**c. It lets them know you are committed. (Hebrews 10:24c)**

## **5. Church attendance corrects your future.**

- a. It satisfies God's expectations. (Hebrews 10:25a)**
- b. It supports people's encouragement. (Hebrews 10:25b)**
- c. It sees judgment's encroaching. (Hebrews 10:25c)**

**Illustration: Patsy in 1973 travels, "Church, church, church, all we do is go to church. I'm sick of church!"**

## **6. Church attendance conquers your fear.**

- a. It prevents us from abandoning. (Hebrews 10:26)**
- b. It protects us from adversaries. (Hebrews 10:27)**
- c. It prevents us from apostasy. (Hebrews 10:28-31)**

**Conclusion: My testimony: saved age 7 at church, assurance ages 13 & 17 at church, called to preach at church, ordained at church, married at church, full time church ministry since 1982**