

Why Millennials And Older Folks Too Should Be In Church!

Psalm 122:1 (NIV)

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Hebrews 3:6 (ESV)

...but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

1. A Place of Joy and Praise

Acts 2:47 (ESV)

...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Psalm 22:25 (ESV)

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

2. A Place of Prayer

Isaiah 56:7 (ESV)

...these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

3. A Place of Friendships

1 Corinthians 1:9-10 (ESV)

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

4. A Place of Teaching

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Isaiah 30:20 (ESV)

And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher.

5. A Place of Mercy

Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

James 5:19-20 (NIV)

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

6. A Place of Accountability

Matthew 18:15-17 (NIV)

If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

7. A Place for Maturing

1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

8. A Place of Healing

James 5:14-15 (ESV)

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Isaiah 4:5-6 (ESV)

Then the LORD will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory there will be a canopy. There will be a booth for shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

9. A Place of Giving

Acts 20:35 (ESV)

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

2 Corinthians 8:5 (ESV)

...and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

10. A Place of Love

Ephesians 4:2 (ESV)

...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,...

John 13:35 (ESV)

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.