



How to Choose a Church

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10 Reasons to Join a Local Church

1. God is joined to the church
2. God loves the church
3. God as a Trinity is an example to the church
4. God's presence is manifest in the church
5. Worship flourishes in community
6. Fellowship is enjoyed in community
7. Edification is experienced in community
8. Equipping occurs in community
9. Serving finds outlet in community
10. Witness to the world is seen in community

Priorities of People Looking for a Church

1. Proximity
2. Premises
3. Programs
4. Preferences
5. People
6. Presence
7. Prayer
8. Preaching
9. Placement
10. Practice



Thessalonica: A Model Church

Acts 17:1-10; 1 Thess 1:1-10

1. It was a ***Quick Work***
2. It was an ***Opposed Work***
3. It was a ***Leaderless Work***
4. It was a ***Spiritual Work***

First line of a Charles Wesley Hymn

*“Brethren **in Christ** and well-beloved,
To Jesus and His servants dear,
Enter and show yourselves approved,
Enter and find that **God is here.**”*

A Model Church

1. **Model Message**

- One Book (Acts 17:2)
- One Message (Acts 17:3)
- One King (Acts 17:7)

2. **Model Messenger**

- What kind of men (1 Thess 1:5; 2:4-6, 7, 11)

3. **Model Response**

- Received and Believed the Word (1:6; 2:13)

4. **Model Results**

- Turned to God (1:9)
- Turned to Others (1:8)