

# New Testament Churches

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**Words to Find:**  
 Antioch  
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*Corinth*  
 Ephesus  
 Galatia  
 Jerusalem  
 Laodicea  
 Pergamos

*Philadelphia*  
 Philippi  
 Rome  
 Sardis  
 Smyrna  
 Thessalonica

*Thyatira*  
 Troas

## Upper or Supper Room?

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Put out the fire in the kitchen and build it on the altar; more love

and more life; fewer dinners and getting more sinners in the church. Let us have a church full of waiters on God, and a church full of servers, serving God.

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## Family Time

*Bill Brinkworth*

As Paul concluded his letter to the Roman church in Romans 16, the preacher spent the whole chapter remembering Christians he knew in the ministry. He named 28 individuals and remarked on what they had meant to him, or how they had been useful in the ministry.



Those believers were more than acquaintances to him. The people in the church were close to his heart.

Going to church for us should also be more than just nodding at people as they pass us in the aisle or shaking their hands as we see them in Sunday school. Church is where those of like faith and beliefs gather.

Church should be a place removed from the world, where we can be with our own kind — Christians. In that place, we are no longer a “peculiar” people as the unsaved see us. In that fellowship, we are with others who

share our beliefs. We are with members of the family of God.

Church is a place where some hear the Gospel for the first time and get saved. It should be a place where the Bible is taught, and people learn more about God’s Word.

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## The Devil’s Tactics in Today’s Church

*J. Vernon McGee*

When the Devil saw that persecution would not stop the church, he changed to a different tactic. He joined the church. He began to hurt the church from the inside.

Satan still does that today. He attacks the validity of the Word of God, and he tries to discredit the Gospel. If that doesn’t work, he tries to discredit the man who preaches the Gospel.

**“God wants full custody of His children, not just Sunday visiting rights.”**

*— Author Unknown*

## Family Time

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In church, Christians can hear what the Lord has laid on the under shepherd's heart, and learn how they can be better Christians. It is a place where people can be burdened for needs they see or hear about and can get involved in a ministry themselves.

The church is also a place where we are among those of like faith. I know I cannot speak for all churches, as too many have too much of the world in them, but church should be a place where we can be far from godless living and closer to God.

In church, we can be encouraged by other Christians. All week, we are swimming against the current of the world. It can spiritually tire us.

Being around other believers can reward us with advice, encouragement, and even seeing how other Christians handle their problems, so we can successfully run our own spiritual race.

Those Christians who are not faithful in church attendance miss the help and encouragement of being around their own kind. It is not just the preaching, teaching, church dinners, and special events that we need. We need to feel, for the time we are

**"The church is to feed the sheep, not to entertain the goats!"**

— A. W. Tozer

with others of like faith, that we are not alone in this world.

We need to know there are others like us. No wonder Paul addressed many individually. They were important to him because they were part of his spiritual family — the family of God.

## Back Seat Problem

*Author Unknown*

"I wonder," said good Parson  
Jones

With a little troubled frown,  
"If there is any way to get  
You folks seated farther down?"

"You see I have to talk across  
So many empty pews,  
Before my voice can reach the  
back,  
I fear my point you lose.

"And then I feel so lonesome,  
Way up here and you clear back  
there,  
It's hard to feel you're with me  
When I come to God in prayer.

"I wonder if you folks are scared  
Of what I'm going to preach  
That you hurry so to park  
In the farthest back seat?"

"Or do you fear the church some  
day  
Will suddenly catch afire?  
Or do you want to slip out quick  
If of my subject you tire?"

"I wish you'd come closer

So I wouldn't  
have to shout;  
If you don't,  
I'm going to  
have

Those back  
seats taken out!"



## What My Absence in Church Did

*Author Unknown*

- It made some question the reality of Christianity.
- It made some think that I was a pretender.
- It made many regard my spiritual welfare and that of others as a matter of small concern.
- It weakened the effect of the church service.
- It made it more difficult for the preacher to preach.
- It discouraged the brethren, and therefore robbed them of a blessing.
- It caused others to stay away from church.
- It made it harder for me to meet the temptations I faced this week.
- It gave me a poor Christian testimony with those that know I am a Christian.
- It gave the Devil more power over lost souls.
- It encouraged the bad habit of non-church going.

## Upper or Supper Room?

*Author Unknown*

The early church prayed in the upper room. Today's church cooks in the supper room. Today the supper room, or the church kitchen, has taken the place of the "upper room".

Play has taken the place of prayer, and feasting has taken the place of fasting. There are more full stomachs than there are bended knees and broken hearts. There is more fire in the range in the kitchen, than there is in the pulpit. When you build a fire in the church kitchen and the smells permeate the building, it often puts out the fire in the pulpit. Ice cream awaiting to be eaten chills the fervor of spiritual life.

The early Christians were not cooking in the supper room the day the Holy Ghost came. They were praying in the upper room. They were not waiting on tables. They were waiting on God. They were not waiting for the fire from the stove, but for the fire from above. They were detained by the command of God, and not entertained by the cunning of men. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, not stuffed with a stew or roast.

Oh, I would like the cooking to stop, and prayerers put in. We need less ham and sham, and more Heaven; less pie, and more piety; less use for the cookbook, and more use for the old Book.

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