

WHAT IS OUR DUTY TO THE LORD'S CHURCH?

I. FIRST, OUR DUTY IS TO UNDERSTAND WHO STARTED THE CHURCH.

II. OUR DUTY IS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CHURCH IS.

It is God's local churches (assemblies) of people to attend to His affairs in that community and the world.

III. OUR DUTY IS TO FAITHFULLY ATTEND CHURCH TO WORSHIP GOD.

IV. OUR DUTY IS TO FAITHFULLY SUPPORT OUR CHURCH WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

Eph. 5:25, "...just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her..." (NKJV)

Mal. 3:10-11, "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, 'And try Me now in this,' says the Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,' says the Lord of hosts"; (NKJV)

V. YOUR DUTY REGARDING FALSE TEACHING IN THE CHURCH.

A. Not to join a church that is NOT a Bible believing, preaching church and trying to be politically correct.

B. Stop attending a church that becomes politically correct rather than Biblically correct, and find one that is preaching and teaching Biblical correctness.

C. Make sure you do not become deceived by false teaching.

Col. 2:8-10, "Don't let others spoil your faith and joy with their philosophies, their wrong and shallow answers built on men's thoughts and ideas, instead of on what Christ has said. For in Christ there is all of God in a human body; so you have everything when you have Christ, and you are filled with God through your union with Christ. He is the highest Ruler, with authority over every other power." (TLB)

1. A philosophy that seeks to find the answers to these questions only in the physical world will not find the answers.

2. We cannot know the spiritual world without spiritual help because we and our world are physical, corruptible, weak, and dying.

3. The spiritual world must reveal itself to the physical world.

4. Reality and truth-the answers to all of life's questions-are not found in a human philosophy or human ideas. They are found in a Person, the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
5. God is the source to understanding the world; the world is not the source to understanding Him.
6. The glorious message of the gospel and of this passage is that God does exist. He exists and He has revealed Himself in Christ.
7. Christ is the revelation of God, the truth and reality of life itself in all its origin, purpose, meaning, and destiny.
 - a. Christ is the fullness of God.
 - b. You are complete in Christ.
 - c. You receive the fullness of life eternal.
 - d. Christ is the head of all principality and power; that is, no rule, authority, or power standing between you and God.

TO KEEP FROM BEING DECEIVED BY THE WORLD OR FALSE CHURCHES KEEP YOUR FOCUS ON JESUS CHRIST.