

# WHY CHURCH? PART 4 LINKING ARMS

Hebrews 10:19-25

# SIX COMMITMENTS FOR BELIEVERS.

1. Promote unity. John 17:20-22
  - Oneness of Father and Son. Jn 17:21.
  - House of God. V 10:21.
    - Family terms. 10:19.
    - Bride of Christ. Rev 19:7, Eph 5:26-27
    - Adopted sons crying “Abba.” Romans 8:15

# BELIEVERS ARE EXPECTED (BY GOD) TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE UNITY

- 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Philippians 2:1-3
- Ephesians 4:1-3
- John 13:34-35
- Revelation 7:9

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## 2. Seek to grow

A. 10:22, “Let **us** draw near [to God] ... **our** hearts sprinkled clean ... bodies washed...

B. 10:23, “Let **us** hold fast the confession of **our** hope ...without wavering

C. 10:24, “Let **us** consider how to stimulate **one another** to love and good deeds ...

• **(Linked arms) to grow**

# BELIEVERS ARE EXPECTED (BY GOD) TO SEEK SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Hebrews 5:12-6:1
- 1 Peter 2:2-3
- Acts 2:42

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## 3. Be a witness.

### A. Gospel of Jesus Christ

1. Enter **through the blood** of Christ. V 19

2. Barriers removed **by His body**, v 20

3. Cleansed and forgiven, **made pure**. V 21

B. Hold fast the **confession** of our hope, v 23.

C. **Plural "us"**; NT written **to churches (linked)**

# BELIEVERS ARE EXPECTED (BY GOD) TO WITNESS

- Acts 1:8
- Matt 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15

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## 4. Seek to serve.

- 10:24, Let **us** consider how to stimulate, stir up, provoke one another to love and good [beautiful] deeds. (**linked arms can do more**)
- **Stay informed of the needs of church.**
- Romans 12:4-8, 1 Cor 12, Eph 2:10



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## 5. Faithfully gather.

- 10:25, “not forsaking our own assembling...”
- Acts 2:46-47, Ps 122:1
- But why can't I “do church” online instead of coming to church?
- Video – Here <https://youtu.be/hTVgQfndocs>; “What is Joe Doing?” ChaseGodTV.

# SIX COMMITMENTS FOR BELIEVERS

6. Faithfully give.

- Luke 6:38

- 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Cor 9:6-7

# WHAT ARE WE TO DO? HOW CAN WE “LINK ARMS”?

1. Seek reconciliation, forgiveness, healing of a broken relationship in your church.
2. Become a member of the church if you are not.
  - A. Connect with someone after church. Go to lunch, fellowship with other believers.
  - B. How is your 30 x 30 plan working?
3. Tell one person about your church this week.

# WHAT ARE WE TO DO? HOW CAN WE “LINK ARMS”?

4. Talk with other believers about how to volunteer in Baltimore this week.
  - A. Volunteer in the nursery
  - B. Volunteer in the ushers, Wednesday night dinners, youth ministry ...
5. Pray with 3 people this week.