

# As A Believer, What Should I Expect From The Local Church?



**(From The Word of God)**



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**The Church:** The Church is a group of Believers who respond to God's Call of salvation in Jesus Christ. The word church means assembly, the Lord's congregation.

**The Local Church:** The geographical sitting place of the assembly of Believers. A gathering place of people who claim the name of Jesus Christ.

As Believers and Followers of Jesus Christ the Word of God tells us that we can expect certain things from a biblical based local church.

As a member of the local church, you should expect the man called and sent by God to serve as the under-Sheppard, under the authority of Jesus Christ while being led and guided by the Holy Spirit.

First of all you should expect the local church to provide a place or space where you can regularly meet and worship.

- **Hebrews 10:25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

You should expect to be taught the Word of God accurately from the Holy Bible.

- **Luke 11:28** But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

You should expect to be challenged by the Word of God to apply the principles of God ordines and commandment to your daily life.

- **2 Peter 3:18** But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

You should expect an environment where you can fellowship with other Believers of like mind and spirit.

- **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

You should expect to hear the full council of God's word preached with authority both the blessings and the curses.

- **Acts 20:27-28** For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. (28) Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

You should expect to have your sin confronted and your personal selfish belief to be shattered by the Truth and power of God Word. And You should expect you toe to be stepped on, on a regular basis.

- **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedge sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul, and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

You should expect to be loved, valued and respected.

- **1 Corinthians 16:13-14** Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. (14) Let all your things be done with Charity.

You should expect to be given an opportunity to grow spiritly.

- **Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

You should expect to be given an opportunity to serve the Kingdom of God.

- **Ephesians 6:7** With good will doing service as to the Lord, and not to men:

You should expect an opportunity for outreach to share the good news about Jesus Christ and your faith to your family, community, as well as those outside you community to warn them about the evil of their ways.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

You should expect to be held accountable to live a life that is reflective of your proclamation of faith and beliefs.

- **Romans 14:12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

You should expect an opportunity to exercise your spiritual gifts to serve others and to give glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **1 Peter 4:10-11** As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (11) If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

You should expect your proclamation of faith to be tested and confirmed by the preaching and teaching of God's word.

- **1 Peter 1:7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.
- **James 1:3** Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

**Somebody Say, Jesus!**