

THE LOCAL CHURCH – Set In The Body – Monday, February 1st

- **Every believer should be a part of a local church; To believe, think or act differently is to be in opposition and disagreement with God and with His Word**
 - A study showed 2/3 of U.S. Christians think they don't need to go to church-Many have this idea-I have a relationship with God, I read my Bible, I pray and I can do all that w/o going to church and God doesn't care about me going to church He cares about me having a relationship with Him
 - Where's the scriptures?-If that's your belief where are the scriptures to support that belief
- **God's way is flock and overseers-Ac20:28**-*Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers to feed the church of God*
 - Which portion doesn't need this-The Holy Ghost said to the leaders you oversee this portion, you oversee that portion and so which portion did He say you don't need oversight or to be a part of a flock
 - The scriptural expectation is every believer has this-There's no addendum that says, "If he doesn't have elders or a church"-*Js5:14-Is any sick among you? Let him call the elders (those who preside over churches) of the church; let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord*
- **God has set every believer IN THE BODY somewhere-1Co12:18-KJ**-*Now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased Him*
 - The body is the church-God sets every believer in the church-**Col1:18**-*Head of the body, the church*
 - The church is made up of churches-Acts15:41-*He went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches; Rm16:4-Churches of the gentiles; 1Cor16:19-Churches of Asia; 2Cor8:1-Churches of Macedonia; Gal1:2-Churches of Galatia*
 - Churches are made up of individuals-God sets people in the body, but setting them in a church
- **There are things God will only do for you through the church He's called you to and if you aren't a part of it, you'll miss out – The idea is not to make you feel guilty**
 - If you think, believe or live crosswise of The Word you'll have problems
 - You don't have to go to church to be saved, but you do have to go to church to be obedient