

# Why Are We Here?

Do you know? Something or someone has caused you to get of bed, when most of the world is sleeping in, to put on your nice clothes, while the business world is taking a break from suits and ties, and to assemble with the people of God, when most others are recovering from hangovers and memory lapses due to the company they kept on Saturday night. If you are reading this, you have already made quite a few sacrifices by setting aside time to come and worship, but do you know *why* you are here?

**We are not here to keep some tradition.** While many of us are second, third, and fourth generation Christians, we are not here because our parents and grandparents did it this way or because this is the way it has always been done. We are here because of a pattern that was established by the apostles and 1st Century Christians who were acting on the authority of Jesus Christ. “On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper” indicates that the disciples came together on every Sunday not because it was their tradition, but because it was a divine commandment.

**We are not here to impress one another.** Just about everything else in our culture centers around self advancement and the prestige that comes with enjoying personal success—climbing the corporate ladder, hanging another degree on the wall, parking a newer car in the driveway. The Lord is not impressed or swayed by any such accomplishments. He wants you to be the best that you can be, but your credentials will get you no better seat in His house. So we are not here to impress one another but to *be impressed* by all that the Lord has done for us.

**We are not here to be entertained.** The line between religion and entertainment has almost become extinct. Some have gone the way of contemporary services and play productions to put more people in the pews, thus putting more money in the collection plate. But we are here to celebrate in all sobriety and seriousness the sacrifice and death of Jesus Christ at Calvary, for “whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord”.

That’s why we’re here. To worship the Father by praising Him and following His will, to worship the Son by remembering Him and renewing our commitment to Him, to build up and encourage one another, by teaching and admonishing and just being together.

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