

more, that is a harsh and censorious attitude to assume by any one who has himself been delivered by the mercy of God from sin and inconsistency.

3. A conviction that such relation is unnecessary.

Some have made themselves believe that they can live just as good a Christian life without that public fellowship. The main thing—they say—is to live a good life yourself and let others do the same. In assuming this attitude we are wiser than our Lord. If He saw the necessity for it and established the Christian Church for the development of the spiritual wellbeing of His disciples does it not savour of presumption for anyone to say it is unnecessary?

What are some of the reasons that should obligate all true believers to become members of the Christian Church?

1. It is an institution of God's own appointment. It is very precious to Him. Paul calls it "The Church of God which He has purchased with His own blood." That which is esteemed so highly by Him should not be esteemed lightly by us. It was established in order that by its fellowship the highest kind of spiritual life might be developed and the most efficient