

Why do most Christians go to church on Sunday?

Christians worship on Sunday because that was the day that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. The Bible clearly says that the women came to Christ's tomb "very early in the morning on the first day of the week" (Mark 16:2), and Sunday worship became the custom very early in the life of the Church. When Paul came to Troas he found the Christians worshipping on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

Was this a change?~~from~~

Yes, definitely, for Jewish people worshipped and still do on the Sabbath. And the sabbath is from Friday at sundown to Saturday at sundown. So when these first Christians who were of Jewish background began to worship on Sunday this was quite a change.

Is it necessary to worship on Sunday?

No. There is no command in the N.T. that says we should worship on Sunday. However, this is what the early Christians did, and there is a command to do our giving on Sunday in 1 Cor 16:2, so these are strong reasons for Sunday worship. It is also true that the command in the law of Moses for the Jews to set aside the sabbath for worship is nowhere restated in the N.T., and this further indicates that Christians should use the new day, Sunday for worship. Of course, one can worship anywhere and anytime ~~but~~ privately, but group worship should be on Sunday to commemorate Christ's resurrection.

Is it wrong for a girl to go on a date without a chaperon?

Before I answer that question, let me ask and answer another one. Is it possible for a girl to go on a date without a chaperon? And the answer, as far as a Christian is concerned, is no. No Christian can go anywhere without a chaperon, for the living Lord lives in the Christian's life, and it is impossible to go anywhere without Him. So on a date, at work, at school, in private, every Christian is chaperoned by the Lord Himself.

That's true, but I'm sure our listener wants to know if it is necessary to have a human chaperon on a date.

I can't answer the question with a simple yes or no. If a young person is a student in a school that has rules about chaperones then of course he or she must follow those rules. He or she should also follow the guidelines which his parents set down for dating. Certain kinds of dates do not need a chaperon but other kinds may, such as a trip involving overnight travel. A Christian should be careful that he doesn't allow Satan any opportunity to hurt his testimony in this area of life.

We say when we die, as believers, that we will go to heaven. I can't find one verse in the Bible that says we will go to heaven when we die. Can you explain this?

There are two <sup>passages</sup> ~~verses~~ I especially want you to notice in answering this question. The first is 2 Cor. 5:6\* knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord" then in v. 8 Paul affirms that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." ~~The other~~ This passage is quite clear: when the believer dies, he will be with the Lord, and since the Lord is in heaven, the believer will go to heaven.

That does seem clear. What is the other passage?

The other passage is Phil. 1:23. Here Paul says that to depart is to be with Christ, and by depart he means to die. So again, when the believer dies he will be with Christ who is in heaven; thus the believer will go to heaven also.

But to have this assurance you must be certain that you are a believer in Christ, that He is your Savior from sin, that you have personally invited Him into your heart and life. If not, when you die you will go to hell and the lake of fire. But if you know Christ then you will go immediately to heaven. Non stop, no purgatory in between, but immediately taken into the presence of the Lord.