

## Why Do I Need to Worship on Sunday Night?

*“Why do I need to worship on Sunday night if I fulfilled my obligation on Sunday morning?”* To ask the question in this way indicates that one may fail to understand the heart of Christianity.

Christianity is the religion of “the second mile” not the religion of doing just barely enough to “get by.” It is the religion of daily self-sacrifice (Luke 9:23). It is the religion of putting the Lord and his kingdom (church) first at all times, not just when the mood strikes us (Mat. 6:33). Worshipping God involves more than mere obligations. It involves our relationship with God and our brethren. It reaches upward, outward, and inward. So, why...? Among other reasons...

1. I need the spiritual strength, Bible knowledge, and edification that results from additional worship and Bible study to help me personally become more spiritually minded and grow closer to God (James 4:8).
2. I need the spiritual food (nourishment) that comes only from partaking of the milk and meat of God’s word (1 Pet. 2:1-2).
3. I need the Christian fellowship that comes by being with my church family (1 John 1:3).
4. I need to let my Christian light shine and glorify God more often (Mat. 5:16).
5. My brethren need my influence and encouragement just as I need theirs (1 Thes. 5:11,14; Rom. 14:19; Heb. 3:13).
6. My family needs to see where my spiritual priorities are so that I may properly influence my loved ones for Jesus (1 Pet. 3:1-7).
7. My respect for the authority of our eldership demands it (Heb. 13:7,17).
8. I need to demonstrate just whose side I am on (the Lord’s or Satan’s) (Mat. 6:24).

—Steve Waller