

Pastor's Corner

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We come to church every Sunday to worship God. We sing songs and listen to sermons. We tithe and we pray together. Some of us attend Christian education class on Sunday. Many of us serve in different church positions such as worship leading, teaching, coaching and so forth. Days go by and we can easily forget the purpose of coming to church on Sundays and other days. Sometimes we may even see it as an obligation. We may even come to church but not come to Jesus; we may come to church but not take His yoke; we may come to church but not learn from Him.

In Old Testament times, the Israelites were required to observe the Sabbath day which originated from Genesis 2:2-3. On that day God rested from His creation work and made it holy (meaning to set it apart). As our Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled the old covenant, we observe the Lord's Day (which is Sunday) instead and we come to church to worship God. The Sabbath and the Lord's Day are to remind God's people that our God is the only God and Creator, the Sustainer, and the Savior. So, when we come to church, we are to be reminded of who He is and to rest from our work.

The true meaning of coming to Jesus is to fix our eyes on Him, to put our mind and heart to know Him, and to follow him in our everyday lives. Only when we know Him as our own God, our Creator, our Sustainer and our Savior will we experience true rest.

Jesus promised those who come to him will be given spiritual rest, encouragement and be refreshed. So, come! Come to Jesus!

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二零零九年一月十八日



我們在每個禮拜天都到教會來敬拜神。我們唱詩、聆聽講道，我們奉獻，也一同禱告。我們當中一部分弟兄姊妹還參加基督徒教育課程。很多人也參與教會不同的事奉崗位，如帶領敬拜、教導、輔導團契小組等等。日復一日的過去，我們很容易會忘記我們到教會來的目的。有時候我們或者更會把回教會看為負擔。甚至，我們回到教會卻沒有到耶穌跟前來；我們回到教會卻沒有負耶穌的軛；我們回到教會卻沒有學耶穌的樣式。

在舊約時代，以色列人必須要守的安息日是源于創世記二章二、三節的記載。在那一天，神造物的工已經完畢，就在第七日歇了他一切的工安息了，並且將那一天定為聖日（就是把它分別出來的意思）。因為我們的主耶穌基督完全履行了舊約的要求，我們今天不再守安息日，乃是守「主日」（就是禮拜天），並在主日回到教會敬拜神。無論是「安息日」或是「主日」都是提醒我們這些神的子民，要我們記得我們的神是創造者、是維持者、更是我們的救主。所以，當我們回到教會，讓我們記得我們的神是誰，也讓我們歇下我們平常的工作與事務，專心敬拜祂。

來到耶穌跟前的真正意思是把我們的眼目定睛在祂身上，把我們的心思意念放在認識祂，並在我們的日常生活中跟隨祂。只有當我們認識祂是我們的神、我們的創造者、我們生命的維持者，和我們的救主時，我們才能夠經歷真正的安息。

耶穌承諾所有到祂跟前來的人得安息、鼓勵、和重新得力。所以，來吧！耶穌正在邀請你，「到我這裡來！」