

Divorcing the Church

Text: Hebrews 10:24-25

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I. WHY DID DIVORCING THE CHURCH BECOME SO POPULAR?

- A. Comfort and convenience
- B. Flexibility
- C. There is no obligation
- D. There is no accountability
- E. People can avoid dealing with hurt feelings or with someone they don't particularly get along with

II. IS DIVORCING THE CHURCH DETRIMENTAL?

- A. One is deprived of Christian fellowship
- B. One deprives oneself of accountability
- C. One deprives oneself of spiritual nourishment (*Matt. 4:4*)
- D. One deprives oneself of ministry opportunities
- E. One hampers the church's ability to function and serve its members
- F. One dishonors the church
- G. One dishonors Christ, who saved us
- H. One's disobedience and failure to attend can discourage others and even prevent them from participating. It sets a poor example
- I. One disobeys God's word (*v. 25*). To disobey is to sin, God cannot and will not bless sin.
- J. God's discipline will occur if there is no confession and repentance (*Heb. 12:3-11*)