Three Important Considerations in Church Attendance

Heb. 10:24-25

Introduction:
A. Non-attendance is an old problem (“as the manner of some is”).
   1. Least pain or pleasure hinders — not from other things.
   2. Least complaint or excuse hinders — not applied to other things.
B. There are three important considerations connected with our attendance.

Discussion:
I. We Should Attend out of Consideration for God.
A. He commands it. (Heb. 10:25).
B. He is there in a special way. (Matt. 18:20).
C. He is worshiped at all assemblies.
   1. Sundays.
      b. Give to please *Him* (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7).
   2. Sundays, mid-week, special services.
      a. Sing to *Him* . (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
      c. Worship by reading *His* word - preaching *His* gospel.
   3. If love singing, praying and the word on Sunday — why not other times?

II. We Should Attend out of Consideration for One Another.
A. Consider and exhort “one another.” (Text).
B. Sing to “one another.” (Col. 3:16).
C. Edify one another. (1 Cor. 14:17)
D. Need one another. (1 Cor. 12:21).
   1. Else could do every act of worship alone.
   2. Else would be no need for local churches.

III. We Should Attend out of Consideration for Ourselves.
A. Assembling can contribute to our spiritual health.
   1. Must grow stronger and not weaker. (1 Pet. 2:2; Rom 14:21).
   2. Is one stronger or weaker from attending all services?
   3. Exercises our will to put Lord before distractions.
B. Assembling can provide support in time of need.
   1. Need comfort (cf. 1 Thess. 4:18).
   2. Need guidance.
C. Assembling can keep from being overcome by sin.
   1. Thus, suffering God’s vengeance (vv. 26-31)
   2. Thus, losing what we put into the Christian life (vv. 32-39).

Conclusion:
A. All agree that certain circumstances may make it impossible or unwise to assemble.
B. However, no circumstance should keep one from wanting to assemble.
C. Can anyone honestly say that he is better off spiritually for not attending?