

Volume 1 Books of the Law & History Deuteronomy 12:5

But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go." Deuteronomy 12:5

We understand from the account in Luke's gospel, that as Jesus was in His final moments upon the cross, the presence and glory of God was leaving the temple in Jerusalem. "...and the veil of the temple was torn in the midst." (Luke 23:45) We further understand that both the individual and the larger body of Christ is considered the "temple of God." (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19)

A revelation is also needed that the Spirit of God calls us to commit ourselves along with our time, energy, and money to a local expression of His Church and its leadership. It is here your highest spiritual potential will be realized and others will have the opportunity to receive of the grace God has given you. "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

So, while every believer carries God's glory within, we are under Divine expectation, if not Divine command, to join ourselves to a local assembly.

"...and there you shall go!"

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