

## THE PERFECT CHURCH

by Jeffrey D. Collins

**GENRE:** Comedy/Light Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** A husband is convinced he's found the perfect church on-line: customized music, short sermons, and minimal commitment—all from the comfort of his own home. But when he logs on for a Sunday service, he quickly learns that 'double-clicking' on a website can't replace interaction with the living body of Christ.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** It is advantageous to have the computer messages typed and taped to the screen of the laptop. The husband is reading the screen prompts in the sketch so it adds effect to have him actually reading those prompts.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Church Life

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Mark 14:22-25, 1 Corinthians 12:27

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Worship Service

**CHARACTERS:**

HUSBAND—convinced he has found the perfect church

WIFE—not convinced of her husband's new church, but willing to go along to keep peace in the family

**PROPS:** A card table with two chairs, a coffee cup, and a laptop computer

**COSTUMES:** HUSBAND is in a bathrobe, pajamas, and house slippers. WIFE is dressed for church.

**SOUND:** Two wireless microphones; contemporary Christian song playing in the background as if playing on the laptop

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Kitchen table

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*A man in a robe and pajamas walks on stage. He has a cup of coffee in his right hand and a laptop computer under his left arm. He walks over to a table and sets the cup of coffee down. He then puts his laptop computer on the table and sits down in front of it. He opens the lid and presses the start button.*

*WIFE enters, dressed for church, and notices his attire.*

**WIFE:** Why aren't you ready for church?

**HUSBAND:** *(Watching the computer screen)* I'm not going to church.

**WIFE:** What do you mean you aren't going to church?

**HUSBAND:** Well, I'm not going to a church building.

*He starts to type on the keyboard.*

**WIFE:** You're not quitting church, are you?

**HUSBAND:** Of course not, it's just that I found a better church...the perfect church. *(He continues to look at his laptop's screen.)*

**WIFE:** I never knew you were looking at other churches. You were always with me on Sundays. Did someone invite you to their church?

**HUSBAND:** Nope.

**WIFE:** Then where is this new church?

**HUSBAND:** Right here! *(Points to the laptop and smiles)* [www.churchonline.org](http://www.churchonline.org)!

**WIFE:** Are you serious?

**HUSBAND:** Of course I am!

**WIFE:** That's not church!

**HUSBAND:** Sure it is. Have a seat...go to church with me. I'll show you that this church is just like the one you attend, but more convenient.

**WIFE:** I don't think so.

**HUSBAND:** Come on. You always talk about how we need to be in church together. So, let's attend my church today.

**WIFE:** *(She hesitates, but finally sits.)* I'm only doing this because I want us to be in church together...even if it is online.