

CORONAVIRUS' EFFECT ON AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

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The church has been losing members especially amongst its youth, but the Pew Research Center did a survey on practicing Christians and found that One-quarter of US adults overall (24%) say their faith has become stronger because of the coronavirus pandemic, while just 4% of people say their faith has become weaker. The majority has said their faith hasn't changed much (67%) and 5% had no comment on the issue.

COVID-19 protocols are still affecting the faith of many Americans. 10 of the 50 states still have many churches still closed to the public. The fear is that some of these churches with smaller parishes will not be able to survive the pandemic. Although more people are saying they have turned to their Christian faith rather than flee it during the pandemic, losing churches will not be good for Christianity in America. Larger parishes have been streaming masses for viewers online, but for the most part the attendance numbers for online masses have decreased since the start of the pandemic. In instances like the coronavirus pandemic, only time will tell how time away from church will affect Christian Americans.



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