

Sunday, July 29, 2012

“THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH”

Ephesians 2:20-22

Introduction: The Biblical expectation that the church of

Jesus will _____

I. Christ is the _____ of the church

A. The church is built in or on Christ

B. The church is built ____ Christ

II. The church is built with every part _____

III. The church grows into a _____ or dwelling

of God.

Scripture References:

Ephesians 2:19-22 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:15-16 But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Matthew 13:31-33 "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; ³²and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." ³³He spoke another parable to them, "the kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."

Acts 2:47 Praising God and having favor with all the people And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 5:14 All the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number.

Acts 6:7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

I Peter 2:5a You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house...

Matthew 21:42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'the stone which the builders rejected, this became the chief corner stone.

Acts 4:11 He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone.

I Peter 2:4-5ab Coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house.

6 For this is contained in Scripture: "behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

I Corinthians 3:9 We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

Ephesians 4:16 From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Revelation 21:2-3 I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them.

Matthew 18:20 Where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.

I Peter 2:5 You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.