

# I AM GLAD TO BE PART OF THE CHURCH

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Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Eph 1:8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

## **1. God's Church is God's Body in the earth to reconcile those that are lost and need a savior.**

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2Co 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

## **THE CHURCH IS GOD'S MASTER PLAN OF OVERCOMING SATAN AND HIS FORCES**

1Co 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Co 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

## **FOUR THING GREAT ABOUT THE CHURCH**

Pro 30:18 There be three *things which* are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

Pro 30:19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

## **THE WAY OF THE EAGLE IN THE AIR**

1. The Eagle is a beautiful type of the church; it is the regal of all birds.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

2. There are all different types of birds in the bird species: The Buzzard, The Mocking Bird, Owls, Parrots, and many others but there is only one Eagle.
3. The Eagle is a solitary birds, it is different than the other birds. It soars where other birds do not dare to fly.
4. After we have received the Holy Ghost, we sit in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus: “He hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3-7).
5. We are born from above: (From the heavenlies) “But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all” (Galatians 4:26).
6. The Eagle travels where no other Birds dare to travel.
  - a. God’s Church travels in territories where not one else dares to travel, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
  - b. Jesus said: “In my name ye shall cast out devils, lay hands on the sick and they shall recover” (Mark 16:17).
7. Some Unique things about the Eagle:
  - a. It is a swift bird: It has been clocked at speeds of 120 to 150 miles per hour. Dives for food at speeds up to 200 miles per hour.
  - b. It flies at high altitude: It has a seven foot wingspan, which allows it to glide at altitudes of over 2,400 ft.

c. Builds its nest: Where no other birds can come, no bird of prey, no vulture, dare to go.

8. As the people of God we must take on the Spirit of the Eagle:

- a. Climb to new heights in the Lord
- b. Reach into areas were normal people cannot go.
- c. Refuses to be like other birds (Separation)
- d. The Church is the choice treasure in the earth, there is nothing like it.

9. The Church is not just like an eagle: But it is like the eagle in the air.

- a. It is an Eagle in the air. A holy people seen of all people
- b. “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12).
- c. The Bible states that Satan is the prince and power of the air.
- d. But the church soars in the realms where Satan would try to rule, and the very realm Satan claims for his own.

Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

10. The Church began in a blaze of Glory:

- a. By invading Satan’s Territories
- b. Jesus told them not to depart from Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the city that Jesus was crucified in Satan’s headquarters, the enemy of righteousness and truth.
- c. We are the light of the world: even the smallest light dispels darkness.

## **THE SERPENT ON A ROCK**

1. The church is like a serpent on a rock.

2. The serpent crawls out of their hole and on the rock in the early morning sunlight.
3. Snakes have not internal warming system (they are cold blooded creatures).
4. We are not dependent on our own power; we are dependent upon the warmth of God's love to warm our hearts.

Act 3:12 And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Act 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

### **THE SHIP IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA**

1. The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt, there is no peace, saith my God to the wicked (Isaiah 57:20).
2. The true church is the ship in the midst of a wicked, filthy, corrupt, degenerated, deprived world.
3. God never changes, but the sea constantly changes.
4. The gospel is the same and must remain the same till Jesus comes: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."
5. The world constantly is changing: Human institutions change, society changes; civilizations change; morals change; governments change, fashions and fads are always changing. But God and His Word Never Changes!
6. The ark was built according to the pattern; pitched inside and out: holiness inside and out.
7. The Church must also be build according to the pattern. Professionals built the Titanic, armatures built the ark.
8. The Church is built to hold back the evil tides, to stop the leaks so that corruption of the world cannot get on the inside.
9. It doesn't take much water on the inside to sink the biggest ship.
10. Must have the pitch (blood atonement inside and out).

## THE WAY OF A MAN WITH A MAID

1. The Church and our walk with God must be built on relationship
1. The world thinks it invented romance.
2. God is the inventor of romance: “With his loving kindness he hath drawn us”

Son 2:8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.

Son 2:9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

Son 2:10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Son 2:11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over *and* gone;

Son 2:12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of *birds* is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

Son 2:13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Son 2:1 I *am* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys.

Son 2:2 As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters.

Son 2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste.

Son 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me *was* love.

Son 2:5 Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I *am* sick of love.

Son 2:6 His left hand *is* under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.