

## I Am The Church

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(16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

(17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

(18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

I am a Divine experience, built upon a Divine revelation

I am built upon the Rock. That Rock is Jesus.

I was born in obscurity, in an upper room.

I have lived in palaces and poverty

I am no stranger to the poor. I was raised on the wrong side of the tracks.

#### Some have called me:

Saul of Tarsus

Simon Peter

Cornelius

Philip

Stephen

Timothy

Lois

Eunice

Lydia

**A few years back, you have called me:**

Andrew Urshan  
G.T. Haywood  
Verbal Bean  
and  
I.H. Terry

**Recently you have called me:**

Nathaniel Urshan  
Larry Booker  
Johnny Godair  
Gordon Richardson  
Jonathan Alvear

**I am the church**

I was chosen from a life called:

Foolish  
Weak  
Base  
Despised  
And Nothing...

**That my flesh should not glory in His presence!**

I am College Students and High School Drop outs,  
Factory workers and Housewives,  
Store owners and clock punchers,  
I am all ages and all sizes,  
I am teens with braces and Grandma's with canes  
I am Sunday School kids whose parents are still asleep.

I have lived on welfare, and stood in soup lines,  
I used to be addicted to drugs, push dope, and belong to a gang.  
I was a streetwalker, alcoholic, liar and thief.

But now I am washed, Now I am sanctified, Now I am justified, by the blood of Jesus.

### **I am the church**

I have lived in the guttermost, but have been raised to the uttermost.

I have been lifted from the deep miry clay. My feet are set upon a solid rock; He has established my goings.

Angels attend me daily. I am guided by Divine Direction. Heaven protects my every move.

I am an **army**—I have never lost a battle.  
I am predestinated to win.  
I am victorious.

### **I have been given authority in His Name, over:**

Every evil spirit and

Every disease known to man.

I have the power of the Name of Jesus at my command.

I speak unto mountains and they are cast aside in His name

I walk by faith and live in the Spirit.

### **I am the church**

Throughout history, I have been:

Crucified

Stoned

Beaten

Mistreated

Banished

Persecuted and Ostracized, Still I prevail.

I've been Lied on,  
Talked about  
Laughed at  
Mocked and  
Scorned,  
**But still even Death can't stop me.**  
I shall not be defeated.

**By Divine Help,**  
There's no mountain I haven't climbed,  
No river I haven't crossed  
No valley too deep.  
There's no problem too big!  
I have been **made** to survive and flourish and persevere!

### **I am the church**

I have been hindered, but never stopped.  
Knocked down, but never defeated.  
Cast down, but never destroyed.  
Dictators can't stop me  
Kings can't stop me  
Presidents can't  
Generals with cruel armies can't  
Even Communism can't.  
The Iron curtain, Bamboo Curtain, The Berlin wall couldn't stop  
me.

**Even the gates of hell shall not prevail against me.**

God is with me  
He is on my side.

**Why do I not live in fear? I have been given precious promises:**

**Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the  
 arrow that flieth by day;  
 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the  
 destruction that wasteth at noonday.  
 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy  
 right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.  
 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come  
 nigh thy dwelling.  
 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in  
 all thy ways.**

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD  
 delivereth him out of them all.**

**The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that  
 fear him, and delivereth them.**

**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
 The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be  
 afraid?**

**I am predestinated.**

**I am the church.**

I have lived in prisons, in castles, in cities and in desert places,  
 I have lived in villages and barrios, in every continent and every  
 nation under heaven.

I am more colors than the rainbow.

I speak the languages of EVERY tongue.

Tongues of men and of angels.

I entertain no prejudices

I am one body

**I am the church**

I am commissioned to the Great Commission  
I live for the Word.  
I shout Amen,  
I run the aisles  
I dance in the spirit  
I love praise and worship  
I speak with tongues and prophesy.  
I clap my hands and sing.  
I raise my hands in prayer and worship.  
I leap for joy.

**I exist to give Him praise.**

**150:1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary:  
praise him in the firmament of his power.**

**2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his  
excellent greatness.**

**3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with  
the psaltery and harp.**

**4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with  
stringed instruments and organs.**

**5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the  
high sounding cymbals.**

**6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye  
the LORD.**

**I will bless the LORD at all times**

**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

**O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name  
together.**

**I am the church**

**Holiness is my trademark  
Worship is my hallmark.  
Prayer is my secret.**

I am a tired missionary  
An exhausted parent of small children,  
I am a tear-stained altar worker,  
A tired visitation team  
A Sunday School teacher with children that won't be quiet  
A Home Bible Study teacher, burning the midnight oil  
I am a weary all-night prayer meeting  
I am an evangelist with a hoarse throat.  
I am an exhausted musician in a lengthy altar service,  
I am a King's son wearing clothes from Goodwill,  
I know what it's like to shout my hair down,  
I know what it's like to get Holy laughter,  
I know what it's like to shout during the preaching,  
I know what it's like to travail in the spirit,  
I know what it's like to make intercession.  
I know what the Pentecostal croup is  
I know what it's like to see someone go home drunk in the Holy  
Ghost,  
I know what it's like to be lost in the Spirit,  
I know where the prayer room is,

### **I am the church**

I've seen lives changed  
Families restored  
Marriages put back together  
Gays and Lesbians delivered  
Bodies healed  
Minds restored  
Drug Addicts delivered  
Smokers set free

Alcoholics dried out  
Hard hearts softened  
Bitterness erased  
Anger dissipate  
Mistakes forgiven, and wrongs righted.  
Unity restored  
All by the Hand of God  
Some, in a moment's time

I am the sole possessor of Truth  
I possess the secret of eternal life and of peace with God

### **I am the church**

I am preaching that changes and touches the heart  
I am an experience that changes lives  
I am testimonies that ring to the heaven of heavens  
I am singing, that stirs the soul,  
I am prayers that reach heaven's throne,

### **I am the church**

I am faces without make-up  
I am long dresses and uncut hair.  
I am modesty on a pedestal,  
I am virtue and purity on parade with heads held high.  
I am holiness without an apology  
I am dedicated to separation from the world.  
I refuse to be influenced by immoral thinking  
I shun immodest apparel  
I hate every false way  
I deplore the works of the flesh  
Carnal thinking is not for me  
I keep myself unspotted from the world.  
I proudly represent the King of Glory

He is Holy, therefore, I must be holy  
My adornment is spiritual and precious,  
rather than worldly and cheap.

My men look like real men,  
Walk like real men,  
Talk like real men  
Are real men!

My women are my glory: feminine and godly.  
I am not a slave to fashion, but rather a servant of Jesus Christ.  
I am clothed, rather, in garments of Salvation.

Immodesty does not become me,  
Impurity has no place in my world,  
I live a separated life.  
I don't look like Satan's children, talk like them—neither do I act  
like them.  
I do not feel comfortable in their environment.  
I hate all the works of the flesh  
I am not comfortable in Satan's realm  
This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through  
My Treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue!  
I walk ONLY on the OLD paths.

### **I am the church**

My worship, my music and singing have been copied, mimicked,  
and duplicated.

**But like the magicians, who cast down their rods before  
Moses, they still didn't have the message. Moses had the  
only message of deliverance.**

**I alone have the message of deliverance for a lost and dying world.**

I alone have the keys to eternal life.

I alone have the message that sets men free

I alone have the truth

**I alone have the revelation of who Jesus is**

**I alone am the bride of Christ**

**I alone know the truth of being born again of water and Spirit**

**I alone baptize in the only name under heaven given among**

**men whereby we must be saved**

**I alone have a world to reach**

**I am described as:**

Glorious

Not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.

Holy and without blemish.

As a terrible army with banners

The salt of the world

The light of the world

A Great House

The general assembly

Mount Sion

The city of the Living God

The church of the first born

An heir of righteousness

A chosen generation

A royal priesthood

A holy nation

A peculiar people

The Family of God

The Habitation of God

The Temple of the Holy Ghost

The Bride of Christ

## **I AM NOT:**

A social center

A board run entity or a clever tax shelter

I am not Political or politically correct,  
or Socially acceptable

This Secular world was not created with me in mind.

I don't fit in to their societies or programs, their sports or their entertainment.

## **I AM A REDEMPTION CENTER**

A Hospital for the hurting

An oasis for the weary

A home for whosoever will.

Give me your weary, your homeless, your outcasts, your oppressed, your needy and your distressed.

## **I am the church**

I am called to show forth the praises of Him who hath called me out of darkness in to this marvelous light!

I am the sole possessor of the name of Jesus in redemption.

I alone have taken on His name.

I am His bride. I love His Name.

**Revival is my heartbeat,  
Calvary is my song,  
The blood of Jesus is my hope,  
The name of Jesus is my love,  
Deliverance is my message,  
The coming of Jesus is my prayer**

## **I live only to:**

Worship Him  
 Witness to others  
 Love one another  
 Praise His Holy Name  
 Pray unto Him  
 Help my brother  
 Obey His Word and His will

**I am Sanctified**  
**Blood washed**  
**Blood bought**  
**Spirit filled**  
**Water baptized in Jesus' name**  
**Tongue talking**  
**Endued with power from on high**

**My name is written in the Lamb's book of life**  
**I am the reason for Bethlehem,**  
**I am the reason for Calvary**  
**I am Pentecost in action**

## **I am the church**

I grow with tears  
 I become stronger when I decrease  
 I am love with a sword in its hand  
 I am a soldier with compassion  
 A rich man with no money,  
 Royalty with no recognition  
 I am an heir with no earthly home.  
I am a burden in shoe leather  
 I am joyful when there is repentance  
 I celebrate the death and Home-going of my own,

## **Knowing that to absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.**

But I grieve for all others.

I have prayed teeming thousands out of sick beds,  
Seen countless others raised up from their death beds,  
Watched blinded eyes open, and seen the lame walk.

Yet I still reach out to help others who have never heard of Jesus.  
While hope and time remain, I am dedicated to helping others find  
Jesus Christ.

I live in the Supernatural, I walk in the Spirit, and I enjoy the  
benefits of eternity right here on earth.

## **I am the church**

I love the unlovable,  
I reach out to the rejected and outcasts of society while giving  
hope to the discouraged and depressed.

I am a refuge in troublesome times.  
I am a comfort from despair, and a shelter in life's storms.  
I give hope to the hopeless and help to the helpless.  
I minister to the needs of both the body and soul

I am blessed most, when I am being a blessing.  
I bear my brother's burdens  
I am an encourager to all  
I am an edifier and a giver of strength  
I point all men to Calvary

I lead the hungry to Heaven's banqueting table  
I take no glory for myself

**I am recognized by the fruit that I manifest.**

Love,  
Joy,  
Peace,  
Longsuffering,  
Gentleness,  
Goodness,  
Faith,  
Meekness,  
Temperance: against such there is no law.

**I am the church**

I am betrothed to the King of Kings,  
To The Lord of Lords  
To The Alpha and Omega  
The Beginning and The End  
The First and The Last  
The Prince of Peace  
The Chief Cornerstone  
The Captain of My Salvation  
The Desire of All nations  
The Great High Priest  
The Good Shepherd  
Emmanuel  
The Lamb of God  
The Lord of Glory  
The Most High God

**He who is called:**

Wonderful,  
Counselor,  
The mighty God,

The everlasting Father,  
 The Prince of Peace, This is my beloved.  
He is altogether lovely.

**I get excited about the Name of Jesus.**

His Name is above every other.  
 I am the apple of His eye.  
I am my beloved's and He is mine.

I love the sound of His voice. His words to me are life and strength.

I delight in them. I am excited when He speaks to me.

I long for His touch.

I live to be in His presence.

I have no other joy. For all that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me, and the fairest of 10,000 in His blessed face I see.

**My days are limited, my time is short.**

I am redeeming the time.

I am going to be caught away very soon.

The Lord Jesus is coming to take me to a place He has prepared for me.

**I must work while I still have the time.**

My light is lit

There is oil in my lamp

It is trimmed and burning

I am watching and praying

I am looking for His soon return

I am on fire with Pentecostal fire

The vision is great

The harvest is great

My garments are without spot or wrinkle

I am ready for the 1st resurrection

## **I am the church**

My job is never done, nor my task finished till all have come to the knowledge of the truth.

My focus must not be upon myself, but upon others.

I cannot rest while one lost sheep is astray.

I am called to rescue the perishing

I am charged the responsibility of lost souls

Some wish to live within the sound

Of a church or chapel bell;

I want to run a rescue shop

Within a yard of hell!

## **I am the church**

**Heaven is watching**

**Hell is watching**

**The world is watching**

I must not falter

I must not fail

I must not weaken or tire

I shall not fail

I shall be triumphant over all

I will pray on

I will sing on

I will preach on

I will go on

I will keep on keeping on

I will reach out to all that need Him

I am determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The challenge before me is great, but He is greater still.  
 I shall be victorious over all - because of Him  
 I am triumphant - because of Him.

I am Called

I am Chosen

I will be Faithful

## **I am the church**

Are you in the Church Triumphant?  
 Are you in the Saviour's Bride?  
 Come and be baptized into the body,  
 And for evermore abide

I'm talking about the church  
 In the book of Revelation  
 It's built upon the Rock  
 It's got a firm foundation  
 It's been through the flood  
 It's been through the fire  
 And one of these days,  
 This church is gonna move up higher

It's the church, triumphant, Oh Lord,  
 And it's built by the hand of the Lord.

Are you in the Church today?  
 If not, then GET in it.  
 If you are IN it, then STAY in it

Come to this altar  
 Be apart of God's Church