

Theme: The House with Seven Pillars

Lesson: 1 Peter 2:1-9

Wisdom hath builded her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars.

I. Jesus - Head and Founder.

Ephesians 1:22,23, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

Ephesians 5:23, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church: and he is the saviour of the body."

Col 1:17,19, "And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."

Col 2: 9,10, "For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power."

II. Bible - All sufficient rule of faith and practice, written by men, but inspired by God.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

III. Proper Order of Commandments.

Acts 20:21, "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ephesians 2:8,9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." When we repent to God, he grants faith to believe in Jesus Christ.

IV. Regenerated Membership.

Every member must have an experience with God that he can tell when he is accepted in the church for baptism. Acts 10:47, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?"

V. Baptism - One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one authority.

Baptism is a burial, burying the person that has died to sin; raised to manifest that he is risen to walk in newness of life.

Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God.

VI. Lord's Supper.

Luke 22:29,30, "I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

VII. Equality of Members.

Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

VIII. Job 28:28

"And unto man he said, behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding."

Proverbs 4:7, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

Hosea 14:9, "Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent and he shall know them? for the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein."