

JESUS CAN Build

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“These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: 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. 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Timothy 3:14–16)

INTRODUCTION _____

“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.” (Matthew 16:18)

Quote: “On the most elementary level, you do not have to go to church to be a Christian. You do not have to go home to be married either. But in both cases if you do not, you will have a very poor relationship.”

—R. Kent Hughes

1. The _____ for His Church

A. The _____ of the Believer

Definition: *oughtest*—it is necessary, it is right and proper

Definition: *behave*—to conduct oneself, to live, to have one’s conversation

PURITY

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:14)

KINDNESS

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

UNITY

“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;” (Philippians 1:27)

B. The _____ of the Lord

THE CHURCH IS BOUGHT WITH HIS BLOOD

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

THE CHURCH IS HIS BRIDE

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.” (Ephesians 5:25)

THE CHURCH IS HIS BUILDING

Quote: “Here it is best to understand [“house”] as household. It is not speaking of a building; it is speaking of a family.”

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19–22)

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 2:5)

2. The _____ of His Church

A. The Church _____ with the Truth

Definition: *pillar*—a column, post; used as a prop or support; to lift up, support, elevate.

Quote: “Regarding the Truth, the church represents it; it upholds it; it presents it; and manifests it to the world.”—**W. A. Criswell**

“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” (Philippians 2:15-16)

“So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.” (Acts 19:20)

Quote: “In such a fearful world, we need a fearless church.”—**C. S. Lewis**

Quote: “The difference between listening to a radio sermon and going to church...is almost like the difference between calling your girl on the phone and spending an evening with her.”

B. The Church _____ by the Truth

“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.” (Titus 1:9)

Quote: “There are some, in these apostate days, who think that the church cannot do better than to come down to the world to learn her ways, follow her maxims, and acquire her ‘culture.’ In fact, the notion is that the world is to be conquered by our conformity to it. This is as contrary to Scripture as the light is to the darkness.”

—**Charles Spurgeon**

3. The _____ of His Church

A. A _____ Truth

Quote: “The whole redeemed church confesses this is true. It is the unanimous conviction of all believers.”

B. A _____ Truth

GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14)

“For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” (Colossians 2:9)

JUSTIFIED IN THE SPIRIT

Definition: *justified*—to declare righteous, to exhibit one's righteousness

“For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (2 Peter 1:17)

SEEN OF ANGELS

“And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.” (Hebrews 1:6)

PREACHED UNTO THE GENTILES

Definition: *Gentiles*—people or nations, used in contrast to the Jews

“I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:14–16)

BELIEVED ON IN THE WORLD

“Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:47)

RECEIVED UP INTO GLORY

Definition: *received up*—to take us, raise up

“And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:10–11)

CONCLUSION _____



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