



Certainty Conference 2019

The Church is a BUILDING – DISCIPLESHIP

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1 Corinthians 3:9

I. Called to BE: _____

1 Timothy 3:15

A. Built on the _____ of Jesus

1 Corinthians 3:9, 11

Ephesians 2:20

Isaiah 28:16

Matthew 21:42

Matthew 7:24-25, 27

B. Built as a _____ of God

Ephesians 2:21-22

Every OT use of building (as a noun) refers to the Temple - either at Solomon's time, Ezra's time, or Ezekiel's prophecy (1 Kings 9:1; Ezra 5:4; Ecclesiastes 10:18; Ezekiel 40-42).

Jesus had a body -> He replaced Himself with a body

Jesus is the Son of God -> He replaced Himself with sons of God.

Jesus is the Lamb of God -> He replaced Himself with sheep

Jesus is the Stone of Israel -> He replaced Himself with stones

Jesus was a TEMPLE (John 2:19-21) -> He replaced Himself with a temple - the church

1 Peter 2:5-7

Examples of spiritual sacrifices:

Praise & giving thanks (Hebrews 13:15)

Giving (Galatians 6:6; Philippians 4:14; 1 Timothy 6:18; 4:18)

Faith (Philippians 2:17)

Loving one another (Ephesians 5:1-2)

Offering our bodies to the Lord (Romans 12:1), which is reasonable

C. Built with the _____ of the Spirit

Ephesians 2:21-22

1 Corinthians 12:13

Ephesians 4:11-13

1 Corinthians 11:18-19

II. Called to DO: _____

Ephesians 4:14

2 Timothy 2:1-2

2 Timothy 1:13-14

Titus 1:3

The power of God's Word in discipleship

The word will sanctify them (John 17:17)

The word will cleanse them (Ephesians 5:26)

The word will grow them (1 Peter 2:2)

The word will build them up (Acts 20:32)

A. We are called to build up _____

Ephesians 2:21-22

2 Peter 1:5-7

B. We are called to build up _____

1 Timothy 3:15

Pillar - the testimony of truth.

Philippians 2:16

Ground - the place of truth.

Ground is the place where truth is LOCATED.

Ground is the place where truth is CULTIVATED.

Acts 6:7 And the word of God increased...

Acts 12:24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Acts 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

****The role of the pastor in the building:** _____

1 Corinthians 3:9-10

- Gold
- Silver
- Precious stones
- Wood
- Hay
- Stubble

Ecclesiastes 10:18

III. Called to AVOID: _____

A. Outsourcing _____

Matthew 16:18

2 Promises:

1) Jesus will build His church

2) The gates of hell shall not prevail against it

B. Outsourcing _____

Local Church Identity

Church at Jerusalem (Acts 8:1)

Church at Antioch (Acts 13:1)

Church at Cenchrea (Romans 16:1)

Church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 1:2)

Local church leadership

The local leadership of the church of Jerusalem explicitly appointed their own deacons (Acts 6:5-6) and implicitly ordained their own elders (Acts 11:30)

The church at Antioch has distinct leadership (Ac 13:1).

Local Church discipline

Apostles in Acts 5

Church leaders (with support from Paul) in 1 Cor 5

Local Church missionaries

Missionaries were sent by and reported back to the sending church (Acts 13-14)

While local churches were independent, there were cooperative, edifying relationships between them.

- Conflicts of membership were handled by sending church leaders to church leaders (Acts 15).
- Local church members would write to other church letters asking for counsel (1 Corinthians 1:10-11).
- Paul, removed from churches, wrote letters of doctrine and exhortation to churches, some of which we have no record of him starting (e.g. Colosse).
- Local churches sent teachers to fledgling churches to support the work (Acts 11:19-28)
- Local churches sent relief to existing churches to help the poor. (Acts 11:27-30).