

I will build my church

Matthew 16:18

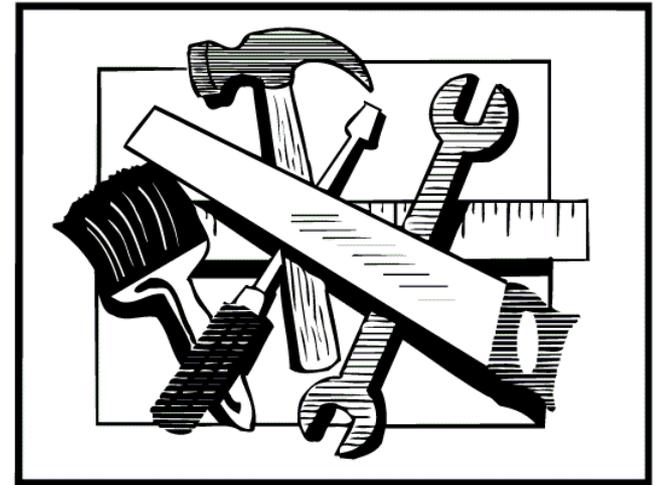


Matthew 16:18 And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Acts 17:24-25 The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

Christ is the builder

- **Philippians 2:13** for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.
- **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.



What part do men have...

- In building the church of Christ?
- **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.



- **Christ will build HIS church....**
According to His own design, bearing His own likeness and ultimately accomplishing His own purposes. _____
- **this is true notwithstanding the efforts of men to build churches (buildings) in which to accommodate churches (people) when they come together to worship God** _____
- the church of Christ is not a building made with the hands of men

Christians are the “building”

- We are the building in which HE will live
 - **1 Corinthians 3:16**
- We are unlike any building that has ever been built before
 - **1 Peter 2:5**
- The church is the place where God has chosen to dwell
 - **Ephesians 2:19-22**

Christians are the building material

- For this HOUSE of God
 - **1 Peter 2:5** living stones
- through the blood of Christ God has purchased a “church”
 - **Acts 20:28**
- God fulfills His promise to be in us
 - **2 Corinthians 6:16-18**

SOME IMPLICATIONS OF THIS TRUTH

- The church is spiritual in its very nature
- The church that Jesus built is ALL spiritual
- Only when we realize what is the true spiritual nature of the church will we be able to apply ourselves to becoming what God wants us to be: living stones, the material that makes up his spiritual, living temple

Philippians 2:12-16

So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;¹³ for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.¹⁴ Do all things without murmurings and questionings:¹⁵ that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as lights in the world,¹⁶ holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain.

