

Build on the rock Prt3 Every joint supplies.

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- Every part does its share so that the body will grow to full maturity
- The church is the body of Christ and has to be built
- Scripture likens the functioning of the church to that of a body.....but not only the functioning, also the positioning
- We build according to a pattern and a plan that is provided by God
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- A person confessing to be a Christian but is not part of a church (a body) is like an arm trying to be an arm but is detached from a body.
- Every part of the body has a function and it is dysfunctional not to be part of the body
- You can only grow attached to the body
- If you are detached from the body you lose authority of the part that is detached
- Whatever you bind He will bind
- Loosen from heaven what you want
- God will always be with you – He is the head of the body

Matthew 16:19 NKJV And I will give you (the church) the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- The church is the outlet for heaven on earth
- Let God's will be done and not mine
- Heaven therefore awaits the instructions from the ekklesia before it will respond
- God waits for the church to do something, but the church is waiting on God
- Many transactions in heaven are undone because the church has not prayed God's will out on earth
- Being part of the church in your correct position entitles you to release God's will onto the earth

Ephesians 4:15 NKJV [15] but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ-

- He is the savior of the body
- God loves the church so much that He gave His life for the church

Ephesians 5:23 NKJV For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

- Christ is the head of the church
- We should not play or mess with the church
- The church will be your greatest strength in storms
- Building your faith is to build on the rock

Matthew 7:27 NKJV ...and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

- When you break your arm it is not cut off but bind up and held close to the body
- Build on the rock, stay in the house and stay on the body
- God decides which part of the body you are

1 Corinthians 12:18 NKJV But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

- God sets as He pleases
- You become a joint
- God will show you your place
- Do not change who you are
- You are fearfully and wonderfully made

Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV [11] And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, [12] for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, [13] till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; [14] that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, [15] but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ- [16] from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- God gave everyone a different task so that the body can grow
- Came into unity of the faith
- If you are not attached to the body the enemy will you under
- Fetch the lost and put them back on the wall

Some 5 fold ministers:

V12:

- Equipping (complete furnishing)
- Work (toil, doing)
- Ministry (Attendance)
- Edifying (structure)
- Of the body(the church)

Until

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1 Corinthians 12:17,21 NKJV [17] If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?
[21] And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

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- for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 5:28-30 NKJV [28] So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. [30] For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

1 Corinthians 12:23-27 NLT [23] And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, [24] while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. [25] This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. [26] If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. [27] All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

Where are you today?

- Are you part of the body or detached?
- Are you feeling unfulfilled?
- Frustrated? Abused or unused?

- God is calling you today to play your part to supply your function
- God is birthing new believers to add to the body

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NLT [17] This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! [18] And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.