

The Church Built By Jesus

Jesus said to Peter, “...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”

(Matthew 16:18).

Jesus promised to build His church! He did not promise to build many churches, but only one.

The church that Jesus built was not built upon Peter. It was built upon the great truth which Peter had just confessed that Jesus is “*the Christ, the Son of the living God*” (Matthew 16:16).

Paul wrote, “*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ*” (1 Corinthians 3:11).

If a church is built on any other foundation, it cannot be the church which Jesus built!

Jesus is the head of His church: “*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*” (Colossians 1:18).

The Pope in Rome is not the head of the church which Jesus built. No man on earth, or group of men, is the head of Jesus’ church. Only Jesus has all authority, both in Heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18).

If a church does not have Jesus only as its head, it is not the church which Jesus built!

The church is the body of Christ: “*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 1:22-23).

A man can have only one body. Since Jesus is the Head of the church, and the church is His body, this means Jesus has only one church: “*There*

is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling” (Ephesians 4:4).

Jesus is the Savior of the body, which is His church: “*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*” (Ephesians 5:23).

Since the church is the body of Jesus and Jesus is going to save His body, this means that if one wants to be saved, he must be a member of the church which Jesus built!

The church which Jesus promised to build began on the first Pentecost Day following the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Peter preached the crucified, resurrected, ascended Lord to a large crowd of people. He said, “*Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ*” (Acts 2:36).

When the people heard this, they were “*pricked in their heart*” and cried out “*Men and brethren, what shall we do?*” (Acts 2:37).

Peter plainly commanded them to “*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*” (Acts 2:38).

The Bible says, “*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls*” (Acts 2:41).

The last verse of Acts, chapter two, says: “*And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved*” (Acts 2:47 b).

Are you a member of the church which Jesus built?

You can become a member today in the same way they did on Pentecost Day when the church began.

Believe, and confess that Jesus

is the Christ, the Son of the living God, repent of all your sins, and be baptized for the remission of your sins.

When you do this, the Lord Himself will add you to the church which Jesus built.

Please let us know if we may assist you in becoming a member of Jesus’ one and only church.



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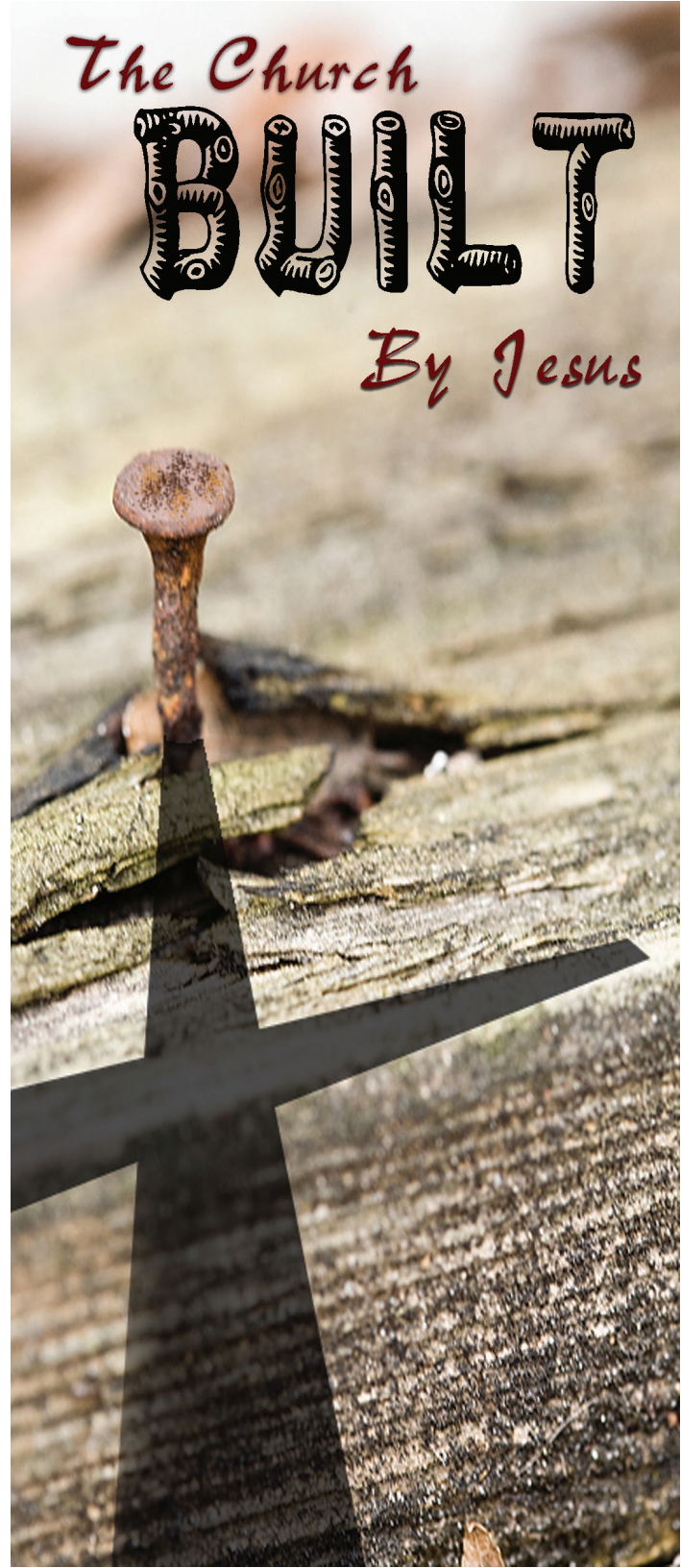
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