



**CHRIST IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH**



# INTRODUCTION

- WHAT DOES “CHURCH” MEAN TO YOU?
- ALL CHRISTIANS ARE A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST
- WE BELONG TO THE CHURCH JESUS DIED FOR
- THE CHURCH GOES THROUGH PERIODS OF UPS AND DOWNS
  - EPHESUS WAS ON FIRE BUT LOST ITS FIRST LOVE
  - **SMYRNA HAD TRIBULATION AND POVERTY BUT WAS RICH IN CHRIST**
  - PERGAMOUS HELD FAST TO FAITH IN CHRIST BUT SOME WERE FOLLOWERS OF BALAAM
  - THYATIRA HAD WORKS, LOVE, AND SERVICE BUT ALSO HAD A FALSE TEACHER JEZEBEL
  - SARDIS HAD A NAME BUT WAS DEAD
  - **PHILADELPHIA WAS WEAK YET STRONG AND FULL OF LOVE AND KEPT GOD’S WORD**
  - LAODICEA WAS NEITHER HOT OR COLD BUT LUKEWARM IN SERVICE TO GOD
- OVERCOMERS RECEIVE THE PRIZE

# THE CHURCH EVERYWHERE IS OF GOD



- **THE CHURCH IS GOD'S HOUSEHOLD**

- [1 CO 1:1-2 KJV] 1 PAUL, CALLED [TO BE] AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH THE WILL OF GOD, AND SOSTHENES [OUR] BROTHER, 2 UNTO THE CHURCH OF GOD WHICH IS AT CORINTH, TO THEM THAT ARE SANCTIFIED IN CHRIST JESUS, CALLED [TO BE] SAINTS, WITH ALL THAT IN EVERY PLACE CALL UPON THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BOTH THEIRS AND OURS:
- [EPH 2:19-22 KJV] 19 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 BUILT TOGETHER FOR AN HABITATION OF GOD THROUGH THE SPIRIT.

# THE CHURCH EVERYWHERE IS OF GOD

- **THE CHURCH IS OF THE LIVING GOD**

- [1 TI 3:14-15 KJV] 14 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.





# THE CHURCH IS CHRIST'S WORK

- **CHRIST BUILDS HIS CHURCH**

- [MAT 16:16-18 KJV] 16 AND SIMON PETER ANSWERED AND SAID, THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. 17 AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, BLESSED ART THOU, SIMON BARJONA: FOR FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT REVEALED [IT] UNTO THEE, BUT MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. 18 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.





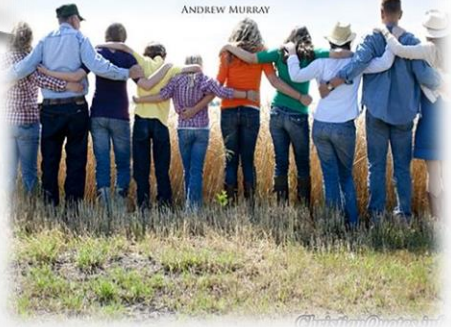
# THE CHURCH IS CHRIST'S WORK



- **EXAMPLES OF CHRIST'S WORK**

- [ACT 2:41-42, 47 KJV] 41 THEN THEY THAT GLADLY RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED: AND THE SAME DAY THERE WERE ADDED [UNTO THEM] ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS. 42 AND THEY CONTINUED STEDFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP, AND IN BREAKING OF BREAD, AND IN PRAYERS. ... 47 PRAISING GOD, AND HAVING FAVOUR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH DAILY SUCH AS SHOULD BE SAVED.
- [ACT 5:12-14 KJV] 12 AND BY THE HANDS OF THE APOSTLES WERE MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS WROUGHT AMONG THE PEOPLE; (AND THEY WERE ALL WITH ONE ACCORD IN SOLOMON'S PORCH. 13 AND OF THE REST DURST NO MAN JOIN HIMSELF TO THEM: BUT THE PEOPLE MAGNIFIED THEM. 14 AND BELIEVERS WERE THE MORE ADDED TO THE LORD, MULTITUDES BOTH OF MEN AND WOMEN.)
- [ACT 6:7 KJV] 7 AND THE WORD OF GOD INCREASED; AND THE NUMBER OF THE DISCIPLES MULTIPLIED IN JERUSALEM GREATLY; AND A GREAT COMPANY OF THE PRIESTS WERE OBEDIENT TO THE FAITH.

OUR LOVE TO GOD IS MEASURED BY OUR EVERYDAY  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS.  
ANDREW MURRAY



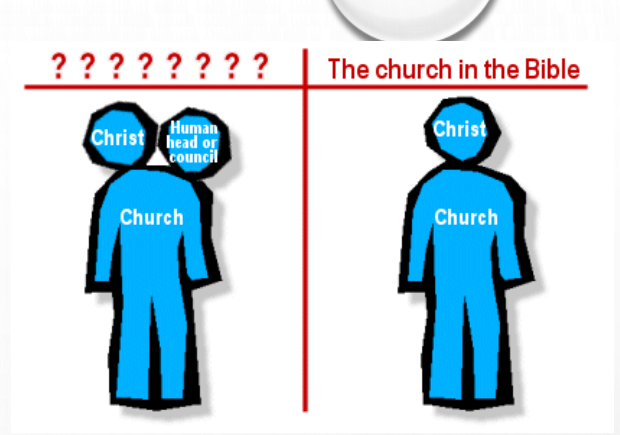
# BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST BY THE SPIRIT

- **THE CHURCH IS CHRIST'S BODY**

- [EPH 1:17-23 KJV] 17 THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF GLORY, MAY GIVE UNTO YOU THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM: 18 THE EYES OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING BEING ENLIGHTENED; THAT YE MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING, AND WHAT THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS, 19 AND WHAT [IS] THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TO US-WARD WHO BELIEVE, ACCORDING TO THE WORKING OF HIS MIGHTY POWER, 20 WHICH HE WROUGHT IN CHRIST, WHEN HE RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, AND SET [HIM] AT HIS OWN RIGHT HAND IN THE HEAVENLY [PLACES], 21 FAR ABOVE ALL PRINCIPALITY, AND POWER, AND MIGHT, AND DOMINION, AND EVERY NAME THAT IS NAMED, NOT ONLY IN THIS WORLD, BUT ALSO IN THAT WHICH IS TO COME: 22 AND HATH PUT ALL [THINGS] UNDER HIS FEET, AND GAVE HIM [TO BE] THE HEAD OVER ALL [THINGS] TO THE CHURCH, 23 WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULNESS OF HIM THAT FILLETH ALL IN ALL.



# JESUS HEAD OF THE CHURCH



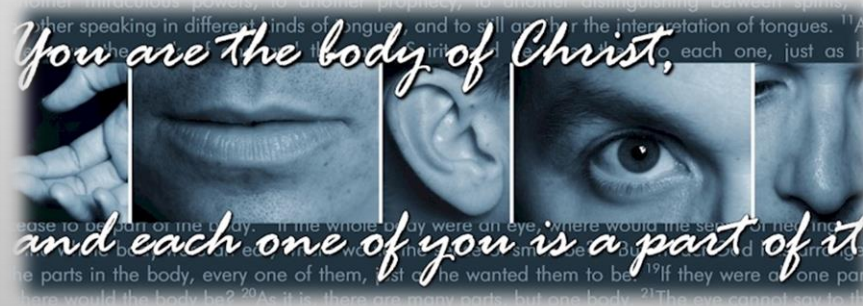
- [COL 1:12-18 NKJV] 12 GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER WHO HAS QUALIFIED US TO BE PARTAKERS OF THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN THE LIGHT. 13 HE HAS DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS AND CONVEYED [US] INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON OF HIS LOVE, 14 IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. 15 HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OVER ALL CREATION. 16 FOR BY HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THAT ARE IN HEAVEN AND THAT ARE ON EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THRONES OR DOMINIONS OR PRINCIPALITIES OR POWERS. ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. 17 AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST. 18 AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH, WHO IS THE BEGINNING, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD, THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MAY HAVE THE PREEMINENCE.



# BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST BY THE SPIRIT

- **MEMBERS OF CHRIST'S BODY**

- [1 CO 12:12-14, 26-27 KJV] 12 FOR AS THE BODY IS ONE, AND HATH MANY MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THAT ONE BODY, BEING MANY, ARE ONE BODY: SO ALSO [IS] CHRIST. 13 FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY, WHETHER [WE BE] JEWS OR GENTILES, WHETHER [WE BE] BOND OR FREE; AND HAVE BEEN ALL MADE TO DRINK INTO ONE SPIRIT. 14 FOR THE BODY IS NOT ONE MEMBER, BUT MANY. ... 26 AND WHETHER ONE MEMBER SUFFER, ALL THE MEMBERS SUFFER WITH IT; OR ONE MEMBER BE HONOURED, ALL THE MEMBERS REJOICE WITH IT. 27 NOW YE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR.



# BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

- [ROM 6:3 NKJV] 3 OR DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT AS MANY OF US AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS WERE BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH?
- [MAT 3:11 NKJV] 11 "I INDEED BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER UNTO REPENTANCE, BUT HE WHO IS COMING AFTER ME IS MIGHTIER THAN I, WHOSE SANDALS I AM NOT WORTHY TO CARRY. HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE.

