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"When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do men say that I the Son of Man am?' And they said, 'Some say that You are John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.' And He said unto them, 'But who do you say that I am?' And Simon Peter answered and said, '**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**' And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah; for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but **My Father** who is in Heaven did. And I say also unto you, 'That you are Peter (Petros), and **upon this Rock (petra) I will build My House, the Church;** and **the gates of Hades** shall not prevail against it.'" ([Matthew 16:13-18](#))

Upon: from the Greek word *epi* which means: upon, or on; in context: upon the solid truth of what Simon Peter said about who Jesus is: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

This Rock: from the Greek words *taute petra* which mean: this rock, as in big solid bed-rock; (not the same as *Petros* which refers to a detached rock.) Just as the 'words' of Christ Jesus are a solid rock foundation for a believer (see Matthew 7:24-25); so also **is Jesus Himself, "the Christ, the Son of the living God,"** the solid foundation upon which **He** will build His House, the Church.

I Will Build My House: from the Greek words *oikodomeso mou* which mean: I-will-build-a-house-of-mine; or I will build My House; (from *oikodomeo*: *oikos* - a house; and *domeo* - to build) and (*mou*: my, or mine; which implies 'something' as being a personal possession); properly, to build a house, whether a physical house, or a spiritual house. In context: Jesus will build His House, the Church; and it will be His personal possession forever!

The Church: from the Greek words *mou ek-klesian* which means: the called-out-ones; the Church; the whole body of Christian believers. Properly: people called out from the world and to God, the outcome being the Church: the universal (total) body of believers whom God calls out from the world and into His Eternal Kingdom. Other names for 'the Church' include: the Church of God, the House of God, the Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of the Truth, the Body of Christ; One Body in Christ, the General Assembly, the Church of the Firstborn, God's Field, God's building, a Spiritual House, a Holy Priesthood, a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, His own special People !!!

Jesus, the Christ-Messiah, the Son of the Living God, is the 'Firstborn' member of the Body of Christ. He is the Chief Cornerstone of the House of God. He is the Head over all things to the Church. He is the Savior of the whole Church Body. The Church is Subject unto Christ. He gives gifts to each individual member of the Church. He loves the church, and gave Himself up for His church. He nourishes and cherishes His Church. For the Church He is, our mediator, and intercessor at the Right Hand of God the Father in Heaven. Please consider the Following:

"But you have come unto mount Zion, and unto the City of the Living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels; and to the **General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn (Jesus)**, who are registered in Heaven; and **to God** the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect; and **to Jesus** the Mediator of the New Covenant" ([Hebrews 12:22-24](#))

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"And coming to **Him** (unto Jesus), as unto **a Living Stone**, indeed, rejected by men, but Chosen by God, and precious; you also, as living stones, are **being built up** as a **Spiritual House**, as a **Holy Priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture, '*Behold, I lay in Zion a **Chief (or Head) Corner Stone***' (speaking of Jesus as being the Chief Corner Stone of the 'spiritual house' - the Church), *elect and precious; and he who believes on Him shall not be disappointed.*' (*Isaiah 28:16*) Unto you therefore who believe **He** is precious; but unto those who are disobedient, '*the **Stone** (Jesus) which the builders rejected the same is made the **Chief Cornerstone**,*' (*Psalm 118:22*) and '***A Stone of Stumbling, and a Rock of Offense**,*' (*Isaiah 8:14*) even to those who stumble at the word, being disobedient; to which they also were appointed. But you are a **Chosen Generation**, a **Royal Priesthood**, a **Holy Nation**, His own special People; that you should show forth the praises of **Him** who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous Light." (*1 Peter 2:4-9*)

Although the following is an exhortation to husbands, there are important concepts between Jesus Christ and the Church He is building:

"For the husband is the head of the wife, **even as Christ is the Head of the Church**: and **He is the Savior of the Body** (The Church). Therefore as **the Church is Subject unto Christ**, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself up for it**; so that **He might sanctify and cleanse it (the Church)** with the washing of water in the word, so that **He might present it (the Church) to Himself a Glorious Church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that **it (the Church) should be holy and without blemish**. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; **but nourishes and cherishes it, even as does the Lord the Church**; for **we are (all) members of His Body**, ... for **I speak concerning Christ and the Church**." (*Ephesians 5:23-33*)

"So we, being many, are **One Body in Christ**, and every one members one of another." (*Romans 12:5*)

The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit work together in building up the Church, the Body of Christ:

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but **the same Spirit**. And there are differences of administrations, but **the same Lord** (Jesus). And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God (the Father) who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone **to profit everyone**. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another different kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these work by the one and the same Spirit, distributing to every man individually as He wills. For as **the Body** is one, and has many members, and all the members **of that One Body (the Church)**, being many, **are One Body**; so also is Christ ('One Body'). **For in One Spirit we are all baptized into One Body**, whether we are Jews or Gentiles, whether we are bond or free; and have all been made to drink **into One Spirit**. For **the Body (the Church)** is not one member, but many (individual members)." (*1 Corinthians 12:4-14*)

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"There is **One Body** (the Church), and **One Spirit**, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; **one Lord** (Jesus), one faith, one baptism, **one God** and **Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, **and in you all**. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Therefore' He said, '*When He (Jesus) ascended up on High, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*' (Psalm 68:18) ... And He gave some as apostles; and some as prophets; and some as evangelists; and some as pastors and teachers: for **the perfecting of the saints**, for **the work of the ministry**, for **the building up of the Body of Christ**; until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the **Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; so that henceforth we are no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. but speaking the truth in love, may (we) grow up into Him (Jesus) in all things, who is **the Head, even Christ**; from whom **the Whole Body (the Church)** being fitly joined together and compacted by what every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, causing the increase of the **Body** unto the **building up of itself in love**." (Ephesians 4:4-16)

Thus we see that each individual member of the Body of Christ has been equipped to be laborers together with the Father, and Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, in the building up of the Church in love. Please also consider the following:

"Now he who plants and he who waters are one (in purpose): and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God; you are **God's Field**, you are **God's Building**. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds upon it. But let every man take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation (for the Church) can man lay other than that which is laid: **which is Jesus Christ**." (1 Corinthians 3:8-11)

Some exhortations to the House of God, the Church:

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holiest-Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and Living Way, which **He has consecrated for us**, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having a **High Priest** (Jesus our intercessor) over **the House of God (the Church)**; **let us** draw near with a true heart **in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. **Let us** hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for **He is faithful who promised**; and **let us** consider one another to stir up love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; **but exhorting one another**; and so much the more, as you see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:19-25)

"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, **Christ Jesus**; who was faithful to Him (the Father) who appointed **Him**, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this **Man (Jesus)** was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who has built the House (the Church) has more honor than **the House**. For every house is built by some man; but He who built all things (all Creation) is God. And Moses truly was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken afterwards; But **Christ as a Son over His own House (the Church)**; **whose House are we**, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." (Hebrews 3:1-6)

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"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **of whom the whole family (the Church) in heaven and earth is named**, that **He** would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto **Him** who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, **unto Him be glory in the Church in Christ Jesus** throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." ([Ephesians 3:14-21](#))

The Father "has qualified **us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered **us** from the power of darkness, and has transferred **us into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Jesus)**; in whom **we** have redemption through **His blood**, even the forgiveness of sins. And **He** is the Image of the invisible God, the **Firstborn** of every creature. For in Him (in Jesus) all things were created: that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created **through Him**, and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And **He is the Head of the Body, the Church**. He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the Dead; so that in all things He might have **the preeminence**. For it pleased the Father that **in Him** should all fulness (of Deity) dwell." ([Colossians 1:12-19](#))

Finally, please consider these words from the apostle Paul:

"I ... Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 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**; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; so that you may know what is the hope of **His** (the Father's) calling, and what the riches of the glory of **His** inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of **His** power towards us who believe, according to the working of **His** mighty power, which **He** wrought in **Christ**, when **He** raised **Him** from the dead, and set Him at His own Right Hand in the Heavenly places, 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. And **has put all things under His feet**, and gave **Him** (Jesus) to be the Head over all things to the Church, which is His Body, the fulness of **Him** who fills all in all." ([Ephesians 1:16-23](#))

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He the Head over all things to the Church !

He is currently our High Priest over the House of God !

He equips each individual member of the Church with special gifts !

For we are each laborers together with God unto the building up of ourselves in love !

Jesus is currently still involved Building His Church !

And the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it !

Lord Jesus, lead me, and use me, in the ministry of edification in the House of God !

Lord Jesus, You are the Living Stone, the Chief Cornerstone, the Sure Foundation !

You are the Way, and the Truth, and the Life !!!

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God !!

All Praise, and Glory, and Dominion, and Preeminence are Yours forever! Amen!