

The House That God Built #2

I. Review Our Principles -

A. How God builds:

Revelationally

Relationally

Generationally

B. What God is building – Ps. 127:1, Mt. 16:18, Heb. 11:10

Family/Army

*City/Church

II. Refocus Our Perspective -

What is a church?

It is vitally important that each of us has a Biblical understanding of what the church is. We are told that all who accepted Peter’s message on the day of Pentecost were baptized and about three thousand were added to their number that day (Acts 2:41). What were these three thousand new believers added to? A building? A religious organization? No. They were added to the church. But what is a church and what does it mean to be added to the church? Here’s a brief description of the church in the New Testament. The church is a ...

Body not a Building

People not a Place

Army not an Audience

Constant Prayer not Countless Programs

Relationship not Ritual

Dynamic Celebration not Dead Ceremony

Evangelism not Entertainment

TRADITIONAL CHURCH MODEL VS. THE CELL/CELEBRATION MODEL

	<i>Traditional Church</i>	<i>Cell/Celebration Church</i>
Activities	Weekly worship services	Daily fellowship, prayer & evangelism
Focus	Programs & meetings	The Holy Spirit & people
Pastor’s #1 job	Preach good sermons	Model authentic Christianity
Pastor’s #2 job	Always be available for everyone	Train & equip the people to minister
Member’s #1 duty	Show up on Sunday	Glorify God in all of life
Member’s #2 duty	Show up on Sunday	Make disciples
Pastoral Ministry	Got a problem? Call the pastor	Body builds itself up (Eph. 4:16)
Outreach Method	Invite visitors to church	Go and make disciples
Fruit of Outreach	Visitors on Sunday	Disciples who make disciples...
Leadership Training	Institutional based	Local church based
Source of Leaders	Hired from outside	Faithful functioning members
Training Focus	What you know	How you live
Ministers	(Poorly) paid professionals	All members
Bottom Line	Burned-out pastors & bored members	Glorious, victorious, world-changing church!

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Heb. 11:10, 2 Sam. 7:11, Ps. 127:1, Mt. 16:17-18

Revitalizing Our Paradigm – Eph. 3:20-21

The Church – A Four-fold Definition:

“A group of heavenly citizens who...”

1. _____ for the same NT _____. Acts 19:32

WORSHIP

Vain, Ignorant, Will or True

- “The Holy Spirit expands our capacity to worship.” – Priest

2. Are _____ in the same NT _____. Acts 9:5

GOVERNMENT

Gifts vs. Government

Structure & Function

- “The Holy Spirit expels the adversary through our spiritual order and warfare.” – King

3. Are _____ in the same NT _____. 1 Thes. 4:7

HOLINESS

2 Sons / 2 Cities

- “The Holy Spirit enables the believer to live a godly life.”

4. Are _____ to the same NT _____. Acts 1:8

EXPANSION

Establish Expand Extend Excel

Priority of Discipleship & Missions

- “The Holy Spirit extends our dynamic for witnessing.” – Prophet



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