

Welcome to the Family



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Our theme for 2023:

Let Us Arise and Build





Fellow Workers With God:



Building With God

1 Corinthians 3:9

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

**All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

Philippians 2:12-13

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.



Fellow Workers With God: In His Church

Jesus and the Church

1) Jesus built His church.



Matthew 16:18

¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Jesus and the Church

- 1) Jesus built His church.
- 2) Jesus loves His church.



Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.



Building Up God's Church



➤ Passages in
Ephesians,
about the
ongoing
building of
Christ's church:

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

Ephesians 2:19-22

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:15-16

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.



➤ Important
ways we
glorify God in
the church:



1) We obey God
together.

Ephesians 2:20

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.

¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.



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- 2) We encourage faith together.

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Hebrews 10:25

²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Galatians 6:2

² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Smaller Group Opportunities:

- Bible classes
- Peer Group Activities
- Bible Study Small Groups
(for men or women)
- Focus Fellowship Groups
(for similar life stages)



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- 2) We encourage faith together.
- 3) We serve together.

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May we never stay distant
from Christ's church.
When we build together with God,
it produces growth
and light.



Acts 2:37-38

³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.