

"Let's Build Our Church!"

Revelation 3:7-13

INTRO: Jesus declared to the Apostles, "I will build my Church." On Pentecost, He began that project. If it is His prime project for this age, then it is most surely our prime project, and will be until the rapture. Therefore, let's get building!!

I. WE NEED REAL CHRISTIANS

1. The False Christians

- (1) Their Existence Mt. 13:3-8, 18-23, 24-30, 37-43; Mk. 14:10
Lk. 13:24-28; 2 Co. 13:5; Ja. 2:14, 17; 1 Jn. 2:18-19

(2) The Examples

1a. The Birthers

- 1b. The Assertions Jn. 3:1-5 (Pp. 3:4-9); John 8:29-44

- 2b. The Answers Ro. 3:23; 2:23-29; 9:3-8; Jn. 8:34

2a. The Bearers

- 1b. Bearing Deeds Mk 10:17-22; Ep. 2:8-9

- 2b. Bearing Documents Mt. 7:15-23; Ac. 20:29-30

3a. The Believers

- 1b. Vain Belief Ja. 2:19; Mk. 3:11; Lk. 8:26-28

- 2b. Vibrant Belief Ro. 10:9 (Jn. 1:12); 1 Co. 15:2-5

2. The Full-Blooded Christians

- (1) The Exchange 2 Co. 5:21; Jn. 6:44; 16:7-11; cp. Acts 2:37-38

- (2) The Evidence Mt. 7:20; Ac. 26:19-20 (Ro. 10:9); Ja. 2:14-26;
1 John 2:3; 2:29; 3:14-19; 5:2; 5:11-13; Mt. 5:16

CONCL: Jesus warns of "wolves in sheep's clothing." We would be wise to be wary of those claiming to be saved, but living like the lost. We would also be wise to continue to seek to win them to Christ. On such we can build our church!

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"We Always Have A Prayer!"

John 17:9-26

INTRO: Jesus came to fulfill three offices: King, Prophet, and Priest. We have heard His prophecies in the Gospels, and we await His return as King, but what we really benefit from is His priestly work for us **right now!** He stands at this very moment interceding on our behalf. He is our Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14)!

THE PETITIONS OF JESUS, OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

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1. The Identity
2. The Intent

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- (1) The Necessity

- (2) The Nature

2. Praying For Our Purification vv. 13-19

- (1) The Product Of It v. 13

- (2) The Peril In It vv. 14-16

- (3) The Power To It v. 17

- (4) The Purpose For It vv. 18-19

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- (1) His Focus vv. 20-24

- 1a. Our Perfected Earthly Fellowship

- 2a. Our Perfected Eternal Fellowship

- (2) His Foundation vv. 25-26

- 1a. His Testimony To The Father

- 2a. His Touch From The Father

CONCL: Every second of every minute of every hour of every day of every week or every month of every year until we stand before Him in heaven, He is praying for us. **As a child of God, we always have a prayer!!!**

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