THE CHURCH - 9

Images of the Church

Eph. 1:22-23

I. WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- A. The Body of Christ--the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.
- **B.** The expression and extension of Christ in the earth.

II. YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

- A. Seasoning--savour of life.
- B. Preservative.
 - 1. Church should be a positive force and influence.
 - 2. Command respect in the house of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord.

Lying against the Holy Ghost.

Touching God's anointed.

- 3. Command respect in the community.
- **4.** Leaders should command respect as men of God who are fair and trustworthy.

III. YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

- A. Let your light so shine.
- **B.** Church is a standard bearer in the world.

IV. IMAGES OF THE CHURCH.

- A. A spirit-filled church.
 - 1. Anointed of God.
 - 2. Spirit-led.
 - 3. Full of the power of God with gifts of the spirit in operation.
- B. A supernatural church.
- C. A praying church.
 - 1. Doing spiritual warfare.
 - 2. 1988 a year of many important decisions in our nation and world.
- D. A church with a trumpet--a true prophetic voice.
- E. A loving church.
 - 1. A serving church--a spirit of servanthood.
 - 2. A giving church--more blessed to give than to receive.
- F. A church with a vision--variety of ministries and outreaches.
- G. A growing church.

Evangelistic.

Maturing--growing spiritually.

UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.

CHALLENGES FOR 1988.

Spirit of holiness. Challenge of faith. Putting on the whole armour of God.