

Church

I Will Build My Church

Part 1

Mat. 16:18

I. THE LORD IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH

- A. The church is the Lord's
- B. All we possess belongs to Him--we are His stewards

II. GOD'S INVESTMENT OF HIMSELF IN US

- A. *"But unto everyone of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."* (Eph. 4:7)
 - 1. We're nothing except what God gives us--and what we are in Him
 - 2. A gift is a divesting of god to his people
- B. When he ascended upon high--He gave gifts unto men
 - 1. God is a giver--His spirit is a spirit of giving
 - 2. He has given us of His love, His nature, His very life
 - 3. The gift of the Holy Spirit
- C. *"And he gave some apostles, and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers..."*
 - 1. For the perfecting of the saints
 - 2. For the work of the ministry
 - 3. For the edifying of the body of Christ
- D. Until...
 - 1. We all come in the unity of the faith
 - 2. And of the knowledge of the Son of God
 - 3. Unto a perfect man
 - 4. Unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ
- E. That we henceforth be no more children
 - 1. No more tossed to and fro--stability
 - 2. That we may grow up into him in all things

III. RESPECT FOR THE GIFTS OF GOD

- A. Respect for visiting ministers
- B. Respect for your pastor

IV. PASTOR AS GOD'S MAN

- A. Not to be hired help
- B. Not to be controlled
- C. Not to be looked upon as an adversary to be protected from
- D. To be respected
- E. To be supported
 - 1. Prayers
 - 2. Taking care of needs
 - 3. Expressing love toward him

- V. HOW DO DELEGATED AUTHORITIES KNOW THE MIND OF GOD?
- A. Multitude of counselors
 - B. *"It seemeth good to the Holy Ghost and us..."*
 - C. *"Separate me Barnabus and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them..."*
 - 1. When they had fasted and prayed
 - 2. And laid their hands on them...
 - 3. They sent them away
 - D. Much prayer