

## Crazy about church

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## Members of the House

**Eph 3: 6**

But Christ (the Messiah) was faithful over His [own Father's] house as a Son [and Master of it]. And it is we who are [now members] of this house, if we hold fast and firm to the end our joyful and exultant confidence and sense of triumph in our hope [in Christ].

## House of God

**Acts 7: 44-50**

44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses directed *him* to make it according to the pattern which he had seen. 45 "And having received it in their turn, our fathers brought it in with Joshua upon dispossessing the nations whom God drove out before our fathers, until the time of David. 46 "*David* found favor in God's sight, and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.

## House of God

**Acts 7: 44-50**

47 "But it was Solomon who built a house for Him. 48 "However, the Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says: 49 'HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET; WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME?' says the Lord, 'OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE? 50 'WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?'" (Acts 7:44-50).

## Revelation in the House

**Mat 16: 18**

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this **rock I will build my church**, and the **gates of hell shall not** prevail against it.

## Zeal for the House

**Ps 69: 9**

For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

## Preparation of Bride

Rev 19: 7

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has **made herself ready**."

## Preparation of Bride

Is 61: 10

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a **bridegroom** decks himself with a garland, and as a **bride** adorns herself with her jewels.

## Expectation of Bride

Jer 33: 11

[There shall be heard again] the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the **bridegroom** and the voice of the **bride**, the voices of those who sing as they bring sacrifices of thanksgiving into the house of the Lord, Give praise and thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good; for His mercy and kindness and steadfast love endure forever! For I will cause the captivity of the land to be reversed and return to be as it was at first, says the Lord.

## Expectation of Bride

Rev 22: 17

The [Holy] Spirit and the **bride** (the church, the true **Christians**) say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty [who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, and strengthened]; and whoever [earnestly] desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, and drink the water of Life without cost.

## Church as Bride

Ephesians 4

### Walk in Unity

1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk **worthy of the calling** with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, **bearing with one another in love**, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

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6 one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

### Spiritual Gifts

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says:

*" When He ascended on high,  
He led captivity captive,  
And gave gifts to men."*

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9 (Now this, *"He ascended"*—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**,

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13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—**

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16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working **by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.**

### The New Man

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

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18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

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22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you **put on the new man** which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

### Do Not Grieve the Spirit

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*" for we are members of one another.

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26 "*Be angry, and do not sin*": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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### Ephesians 4

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.