

# Pictures of the Church

## ***1. The Architect of the Temple of the Spirit (Matthew 16:18)***

- A. Jesus predicted He would build His church in the future after His resurrection and ascension (Revelation 1:18)
- B. Jesus also promised that the nothing would stop His Church

## ***2. The Blueprint of the Temple of the Spirit (Matthew 18:15-20)***

- A. The Church must be organized (18:15-17)
- B. The Church must experience God's presence (18:18-20)

## ***3. The Construction of the Temple of the Spirit (Acts 2:41-47)***

- A. Doctrine builds the Church
- B. Fellowship builds the Church
- C. Communion with God builds the Church
- D. Prayer builds the Church

## ***4. The Materials of the Temple of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:9-16)***

- A. Christ is the foundation
- B. We build on the foundation

## ***5. The Purpose of the Temple of the Spirit (Ephesians 2:19-22)***

- A. To grow spiritually (2:19-22; 4:7-16)
  - 1. God puts us in His building and body  
(We are not a loose piece of gravel)  
(We are specially prepared and cut to fit with other specially sized stones)
  - 2. Each of us is placed for fellowship and ministry
- B. To grow numerically
  - 1. The church grew in Acts (2:41; 4:4; 6:7; 9:31; 16:5)
  - 2. But the church grew without emphasizing church growth
  - 3. The emphasis was on spiritual health (1<sup>st</sup> Cor; Rom 12:9-21; 1 Thess 5:12-22)

## ***6. The Sacredness of the Temple of the Spirit (1 Peter 2:1-9)***

- A. We teach in God's Temple
- B. We fellowship in God's Temple
- C. We worship God in His Temple (Hebrew 13:15, 16; Romans 12:1-2)