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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

“I Will Build My Church”

Ephesians 2:11; Matthew 16:18

**Eph. 2:10, “For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that we
should walk in them.”**

Eph. 2:11, “Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

Eph. 2:12, “that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Eph. 2:13, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

What the Bible Teaches About

The Church, the Body of Christ (Introduction)



1. Christ is the head, the authority over the church.

Eph. 1:22, “And He [God the Father] put all things under His [God the Son] feet, and gave Him [God the Son] to be head over all things to the church,”

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

2. One purpose of the church is to display God's multifaceted wisdom to the angels, fallen and elect.

Eph. 3:10, "to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,"

3. Glory should be given to God in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever:

Eph. 3:21, “to Him be glory in the church [and] in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

4. The church is to submit to the authority of Christ:

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

5. Christ loved the church by dying on the Cross for the church:

Eph. 5:25, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

6. Christ sanctifies and cleanses His church by the washing of water by the Word to present the church to Himself as a glorious church.

Eph. 5:26, “that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Eph. 5:27, “that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

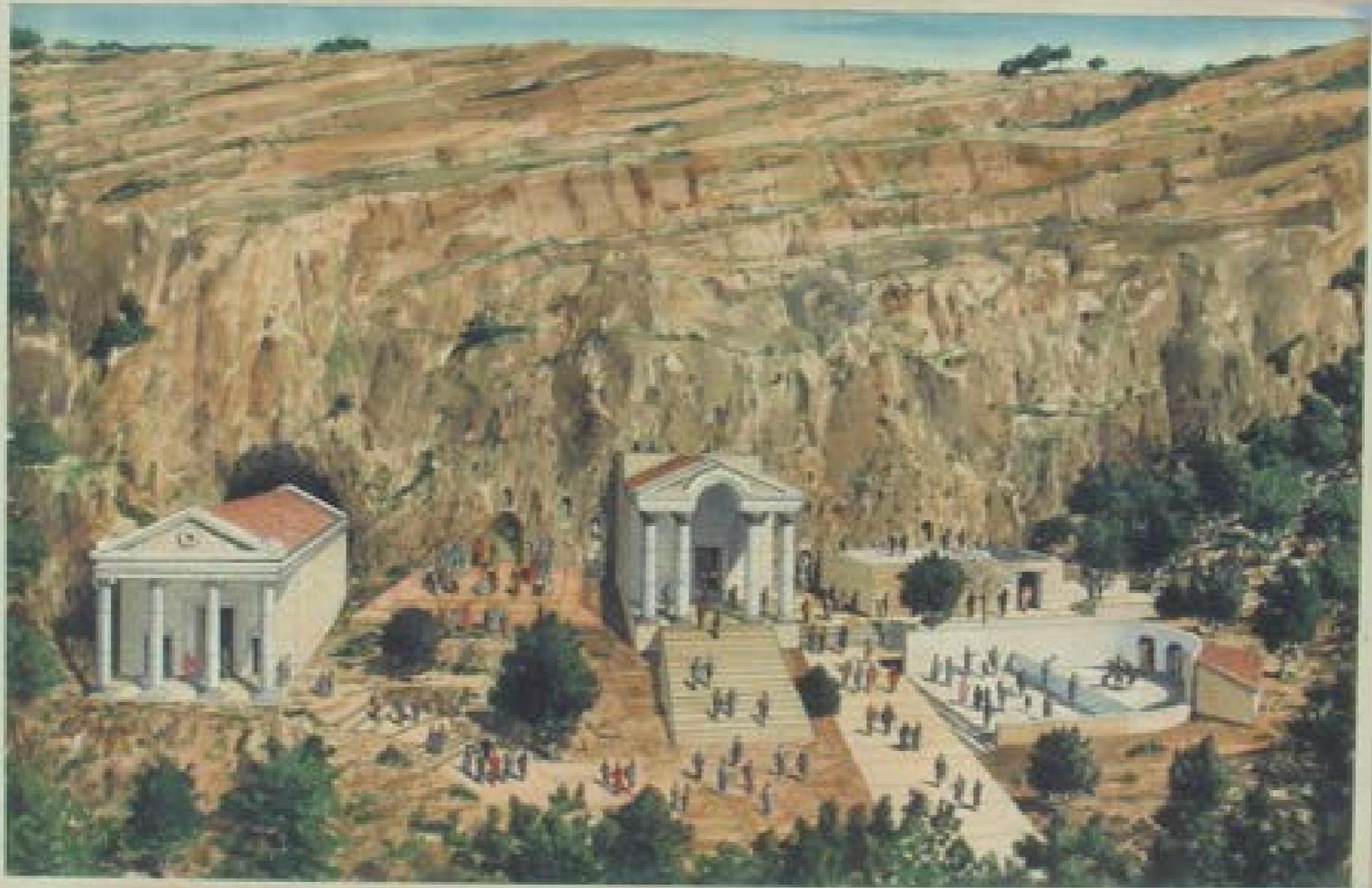
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**The Church,
the Body of Christ
(Matthew 16:18)**



1. The distinctiveness of the church is brought out in Christ's first use of the term in Matt. 16:18.

Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this Rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”





“I will build My church”
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“to build, to construct a building; to construct something in an abstract sense.” ~BDAG

“I will build”

The first person, “I,” indicates the One who will build is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One who saves and sanctifies through the Holy Spirit and His Word. Eph. 5:26

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“I WILL build”

The church did not exist at this point.

**The church was not in the Old Testament;
was not Israel; and did not begin until
Pentecost, AD 33.**

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“I will BUILD”

The construction of the church, the body of Christ is a process that has a beginning and an ending.

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“I will build MY”

**We are Christ's. He is the Savior, the Head,
and the One who builds.**

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“I will build My CHURCH”

A new, distinctive people of God, a new assembly comprised of all believer since Pentecost AD 33, alive or already with the Lord.