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“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ **16** Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ **17** Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **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. **19** And I will

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give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'"

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1. The Church is Comprised of Those Who Believe in  
Jesus as Their Messiah, God and Savior

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**Ephesians 2:19-22...** “So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. **20** Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. **21** We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. **22** Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.”

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**1 Peter 2:4-5...** “As you come to Him, the living stone, rejected by men but chosen and precious in God’s sight, **5 you also, like living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house”

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2. Jesus Promised to Build HIS Church.





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**Matthew 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.”

**Psalms 127:1...** “Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.”

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**Acts 1:4-5...** “Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, ‘Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. **5** John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’”

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## The Pattern for Church Planting:

- Where to Plant
- Wait for the Anointing
- With a Special Time of Prayer
- There Were Miraculous Signs
- Unbelievers convinced Jesus was God, Savior and Lord

# The Pattern for Church Planting

Here we see that the Lord showed Peter and the Apostles **where to plant** the first church, Jerusalem. He told them to **wait for the anointing** of the Holy Spirit to come as they needed the Holy Spirit to build the church. He told them to begin **with a special time of prayer**. When the Holy Spirit arrived, there **were miraculous signs** that convinced unbelievers that Jesus **was God, Savior and Lord**. This led them **to receive Jesus as their Lord, Messiah and Savior**. That process and event planted a powerful church that was the beginning of the Church, now in Heaven and on Earth.

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3. Jesus Said the Unity of the Church is the Key to  
Victorious Spiritual Warfare.

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As the many little stones receive that revelation from the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord pulls those little stones together to become His Temple, the Kingdom of God on earth. This is a force, that, when gathered together in the name of Jesus and Matthew 16:20 for His purposes, cannot be overcome by all of the powers of darkness, both individual and collective.

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4. The Church Exists on Two Levels





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## 1. The Universal Church in Heaven and On Earth:

- Comprised of all those who have believed in Jesus Christ since His death on the cross until the catching away of the church in resurrection power
- Jesus said, “I will be building my Church...”, which *was a future, , first person, singular tense.*

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## 2. The Local Church:

- Planted, growing, and worshipping regularly in local communities and regions.
- In Revelation 1:20 Jesus addresses the church in seven locations. Each locality is called “The Church”, existing and functioning in that location and time.

# **The Church Exists on Two Levels**

The Church, the gathering of God's people, called out ones, are saved and set apart for Jesus as His Bride. As He is the King, the Church is His Bride/Queen, ruling and reigning with Christ for all of eternity over Heaven and earth.

Jesus loves and cherishes His Bride, just as a husband should love and cherish his earthly bride. The Church's salvation also elevates the Church to the place of authority that Jesus possesses.

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5. The Church is the Bride of Jesus Christ.



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**Ephesians 5:23-27...** “For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. **24** As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. **25** For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her **26** to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. **27** He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish.”

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6. The Church is a Supernatural Institution Made of  
Supernatural Beings.

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**John 3:3-6...** “Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **4** Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” **5** Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

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7. The Church is Commissioned to Reproduce Itself.





# **The Church is Called to Reproduce Itself**

God calls a person to become an Apostolic Leader (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher Ephesians 4:11). Then God sends them out by the Holy Spirit- through the confirmation of the Church- to build churches in places that need to hear about Jesus.

Each church built should become a sender of those who are being called to share the good news of Jesus to other places, resulting in the outgrowth building of churches.

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**Matthew 28:18-20...** “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

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**Acts 1:8...** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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8. The Church is the Possession of Jesus Christ.



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**1 Peter 1:18-19...** “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

# The Church is the Possession of Jesus Christ

- He owns the Church.
- It is His Church.
- It is not the pastor's church or the people's church! It is the Lord's church!
- It is His, bought and paid for with His blood and built by His Word and Spirit through His Holy Apostles.
- No one else owns it. He is jealous of it and will not allow anyone to take it away from Him, including Satan and His minions.

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9. The Church is Where We Collectively Meet with  
Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**Matthew 18:20...** “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17...** “Do you not know that you yourselves are God’s temple, and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? **17** If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.”



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10. The Church is the Manifestation of God's Love.



# **The Church is the Manifestation of God's Love**

The gathering of God's people shows the love of God to an unbelieving world. As we love one another, the world knows that we are His disciples by the love we have for each other.

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**John 13:34-35...** “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

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## The Family of God:

- God is our Father-
- We are brothers and sisters-  
growing up together into the  
image of Christ.
- The world knows Jesus through  
His family