

Built To Last

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Planned Obsolescence

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A strategy of deliberately ensuring that the current version of a given product will become out of date or useless within a known time period in a move to bolster and secure demand.

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BLOCKBUSTER



 ***BlackBerry***TM

Seaair



2004

Once upon a time this church
decided it no longer wanted to just
have church, or play church,
it wanted to be the church.

“It won’t last.”

The Haters







When Jesus came to the region of **Caesarea Philippi**, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the **Son of Man** is?”

Matthew 16:13 NIV

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Matthew 16:14 NIV

“But what about you?” he asked.

“Who do you say I am?”

Simon Peter answered, “You are the **Messiah**, the **Son of** the living God.”

Matthew 16:16 NIV

...on this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of Hades
will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:18 NIV

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the **good news** that Jesus is the Messiah.

Acts 5:42 NIV

35 A.D.

The 1st Persecution Begins

36 A.D.

Saul is Converted

57 A.D.

A Known Christian in
Rome's Senatorial Class

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all **boldness** and without hindrance!

Acts 28:31 NIV

66 & 67 A.D.

Apostles Paul and Peter are
martyred for their faith

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

Revelation 7:9 NIV

“Look, I am coming **soon**....
The Spirit and the bride say, “**Come!**”
And let the one who hears say,
“**Come!**” Let the one who is **thirsty**
come; and let the one who wishes
take the **free gift** of the water of life.

Revelation 22:12,17 NIV

*I'm not done yet....
so get to it, and stay at it.*

Jesus

112 A.D.

Pliny writes to Trajan

“There is no people, Greek or barbarian, or of any other race... whether they dwell in tents or wander about in covered wagons—among whom prayers and thanksgivings are not offered in the name of the crucified Jesus to the Father and Creator of all things.”

Justin Martyr 150 A.D.

“We are but of yesterday, and yet we already fill your cities, islands, camps, your palace, senate and forum; we have left to you only your temples.”

Tertullian 200 A.D.

Nero, Domitian, Trajan,
Marcus Aurelius,
Septimius Severus,
Decius, Diocletian

Sought to Destroy The Church
& Failed — 66-305 A.D.

The church is the reason the world
changed once upon a time.

The church *is the reason* the world
changed once upon a time.

The church *is the hope* of how the
world can change again in our time.

*There was no such thing as monasticism—
through which pagan Northern Europe was
turned Christian—until there was. There was
no Reformation until there was. There was no
revival that turned Methodists and Baptists
into culturally dominant forces in the
midwestern and southeastern United States—
until there was.*

There was no East African Revival, led primarily by African people, that helped turn Africa from a 9 percent Christian continent in 1900 into a 50 percent Christian continent today—until there was. Christianity, like its founder, does not go from strength to strength but from death to resurrection.

Tim Keller

The church is built to last and
its best days are yet ahead.