



The Church That Christ Built

Jesus said, "I will build my Church" (Matthew 16:19).

I Will Build My Church

Christ's Church is built on the **Rock of Revelation** (Matthew 16:19).

Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone (1 Peter 2:4-6).

Ministry of the Church consists of the Melchisedec priesthood—**Prophet, Apostle, Evangelist**, (Ephesians 4:11), **Elder** (Acts 14:23), **Seventy** (Luke 10:1-2), **High Priest** (Hebrews 8:3), **Bishop** (1 Timothy 3:1-4); and the Aaronic priesthood—**Priest** (Hebrews 7:11), **Teacher** (Ephesians 4:11), and **Deacon** (Philippians 1:1).

Enter the Church by **Faith** (Hebrews 11:6), **Repentance** (Mark 1:13), and **Baptism by Water and the Spirit** (John 3:5). **Walk the Narrow Way** (Matthew 7:23).

Receive the **Laying on of Hands for Blessing of Children** (Mark 10:12-14), **Administration for Healing of the**

Sick (James 5:14-16), **Ordination** (Acts 13:2-3), and **Confirmation** (Acts 8:14-17). **Believe in the Resurrection of the Dead** (John 11:25) and **Eternal Judgment** (Matthew 25:31-47).

Stewardship is God's call (1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 25:14-31).

Love for God and other people are the greatest commandments (Mark 12:33-36). Spiritual power is demonstrated through the gifts of the Spirit: **Dreams and Visions** (Acts 2:17); and **Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of Spirits**, diverse kinds of **Tongues**, and the **Interpretation of Tongues** (1 Corinthians 12:1-11).

The Gospel Ladder

We're glad to tell you something,
It should make your hearts rejoice,
How to climb the gospel ladder (Genesis 28:12),
If heaven is your choice;
For ev'ry round leads higher (Hebrews 6:1-2)
To the realms of endless day.
We must start right at the bottom,
And go up all the way (Matthew 4:4).

We must have faith in Jesus (John 3:16),
And in his gospel, too (Mark 1:15);
For the law of God is perfect (Psalm 19:7),
And to it we must be true.
Repentance is the next round (Luke 13:3)
In our upward flight,
For without it we would not be
Climbing upward right.

Baptism is the next round,
As in the days of old (Mark 16:16);
Our sins must be remitted (Acts 2:38),
How oft should we be told?
Thus did the saints of old, friends,
In their ladder flight,
We must be born of water
And the Spirit to be right (John 3:5).

And now the very next round
We find in God's commands,
'Tis the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:1-6),
Through the laying on of hands (Acts 8:14-20).
Aim high for the first resurrection (Revelation 20:4-5),
That in judgment we may stand (Revelation 20:12)
With the faithful of all ages,
To reign at God's right hand (Revelation 20:4).

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Upon this sure foundation (2 Timothy 2:19)
Should man securely build (Hebrews 6:1-2),
That with the gospel knowledge (John 7:17)
Our hearts and souls be filled.
Then onward to perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
Let us journey to the end (Matthew 24:13),
And hear the songs and music
In praise and glory blend.

The gospel law is perfect (James 1:25)—
The means of saving man (Romans 1:16).
It remains the same forever (1 Peter 1:25)—
'Tis God's appointed plan (Galatians 1:12).
His church with apostles and prophets
(1 Corinthians 12:28),
With gifts and blessings too
(1 Corinthians 12:7-10; Ephesians 4),
Is in love to you presented,
Now, pray, what will you do? (Acts 22:16).

We're glad that now "this gospel" (Matthew 24:14)
Is preached on earth again,
As promised by an angel (Revelation 14:6-7);
We salvation may obtain.
If it had not been for Jesus,
And His loving words today,
'Twould be a hopeless journey;
We must all His words obey (Matthew 28:20).

(This is set to music—see *F*
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