

## THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH

### **1 Timothy 3:14-15 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> *These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: <sup>15</sup> But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*

Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

### **Matthew 4:17 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> *From that time Jesus **began to preach**, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

### **Matthew 4:16 (KJV)**

<sup>16</sup> *The people which **sat in darkness saw great light**; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.*

*them which sat in the region and shadow of death* are the people that the man of sin(satan) has dominion and rule over them.

## ACTIVITIES OF SATAN AGAINST THE SOULS UNDER THE SHADOW OF DEATH

### **Psalm 107:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, **being bound in affliction and iron**;*

## THE HOUSE OF GOD IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER

### Isaiah 56:7 (KJV)

<sup>7</sup> *Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and **make them joyful in my house of prayer**: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; **for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.***

**2 Chronicles 20:5-9 (KJV)** - the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir raised against Isreal

<sup>5</sup> *And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, <sup>6</sup> And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? <sup>7</sup> Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? <sup>8</sup> And they dwelt therein, and **have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,** <sup>9</sup> **If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.***

### **Psalm 91:1-2 (KJV)**

<sup>1</sup> *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

**The first time the word “House of God” appeared in the Bible**

**Genesis 28:17-18 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, How **dreadful is this place!** this is none other but the house of God, and **this is the gate of heaven.**

<sup>18</sup> And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

**In a night vision I saw three groups of people in the house of the Lord**

1. A group that stands for the Lord
2. A group that argues on doctrines (the Pharisees attitude)
3. A group that are more careful about worldly things, busy doing their nails for church service

**Genesis 28:22 (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God’s house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

**You are the spiritual house of God**

**1 Peter 2:5 (KJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

**Acts 4:10-14 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. <sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. <sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

**SEEK TO LIVE FOR GOD’S APPROVAL**

**Luke 16:15-17 (KJV)**

<sup>15</sup> And Jesus said unto the Pharisees, *Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.* <sup>16</sup> *The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.*

**PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE**

**Philippians 3:13-14 (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

You cannot live and dwell on your past failures or your past glory, you have to press toward the author of your faith

**Hebrews 12:2-3 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

We are living in a world where the abnormal had become normal and the normal abnormal

**THE END OF THE ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST IS DESTRUCTION**

**Philippians 3:18-19 (KJV)**

<sup>18</sup> (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: <sup>19</sup> Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)