

You are the Church - The Body of Christ, The Temple of the living God

“Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?” (1Cor 3:16).

Christ and the Church is a mystery hidden from the Old Testament prophets. The 1st Church martyr, Stephen, and the 1st persecutor of the early Church, Paul, understood this mystery of the indwelling Holy Spirit and “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col 1:27).

“Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands” (Act 7:48, 17:24 cf 1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chron 2:6).

The Church had become God's living temple since Pentecost (Acts 1:5; 2:1-4; 11:15-16). The Church was born when the ascended Christ sent the Holy Spirit to indwell every believer. Christ is the Head of the Church and the Church is His Body. The Holy Spirit moves like the wind. No one knows when one is born of the Spirit. He convicts sinners through the

Gospel. Every new person who believes is added by God to the Body of Christ.

A church building is a physical place where believers assemble. In poor countries, Christians long to worship in a church building which they cannot afford. In countries where Christians are persecuted, church buildings are easy target for enemies of the Gospel.

Praise God for His reminder that He dwells in the Body of believers and He promises to protect His Church – the Body of Christ, the Temple of the living God.

“If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple” (1Cor 3:17).

Before the Lord Jesus Christ returns for the Church, clothe yourselves with compassion and godly fear.

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