

# Building the House

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Psalms 127:1, “**Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.**”

1 Corinthians 3:9-17, “For **we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, **as a wise masterbuilder,** I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But **let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.** Now **if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for **the day shall declare it,** because **it shall be revealed by fire;** and **the fire shall try every man's work** of what **sort** it is. If any man's **work abide** which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward.** If any man's **work shall be burned,** **he shall suffer loss:** but **he himself shall be saved;** yet so as by fire. Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God,** and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him **shall God destroy;** **for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.**”

Isaiah 61:10, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for **he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,** as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and **as a bride** adorneth herself with her jewels.”

Revelation 19:5-10, “And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: **for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.** And **to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white:** for **the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.** And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are **called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and **of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus:** worship God: **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**” Notice that the fine linen is **NOT** the righteousness of **THE** saints. The righteousness of saints is always **IMPUTED** righteousness **THAT** is why it says she hath made herself ready! It did not say **THEY** made **THEMSELVES** ready! If all of our righteousness is like filthy rags then any attempt to establish the church at any

time on personal righteousness is submitting yourself back under the law. Christ is the end of the law for righteousness. So we not only are saved by faith we then walk by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:1-3, “For **we know** that if our **earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring **to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven**: If so **be that being clothed we shall not be found naked**. For we that are in **this tabernacle** do groan, **being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed**, but **clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life**.” Notice that it does NOT say: If so be that NOT being clothed we shall be found naked! Notice it does not say: we are burdened: for that we would be unclothed, but naked, that immortality might be swallowed up of death!

1 Corinthians 15:51-55, “Behold, I shew you **a mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed**. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on **incorruption**, and this mortal shall have put on **immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory**. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

SO it is DEATH that is swallowed up in victory and mortality will be swallowed up of life: yet by teaching personal righteousness is what we are being judged for at the judgment seat of Christ: Then we MUST be in turn judged for UNRIGHTEOUNESS: and therefore SIN because: 1 John 5:17, “All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.” The grave cloths of personal righteousness is the death caused by sin that Christ became: 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” If then we are the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in him: WHAT PRAY TELL OF OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS CAN BE ADDED TO THAT? For anything?

Colossians 2:6-15, “As ye have therefore **received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him**: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and **not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily**. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all **principality and power**: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, **being dead in your sins** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses**; **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us**, and **took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross**; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

Romans 8:18-25, “For I reckon that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us**. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for **the manifestation of the sons of God**. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because **the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption**, to wit, **the redemption of our body**. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”

Titus 2:13-14, “Looking for **that blessed hope**, and **the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**; Who gave himself for us, that he might **redeem us from all iniquity**, and **purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works**.”

1 John 3:1-3, “Behold, **what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us**, that **we should be called the sons of God**: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and **it doth not yet appear what we shall be**: but we know that, when **he shall appear**, **we shall be like him**; for we shall see him **as he is**. And every man **that hath this hope** in him **purifieth himself**, even as **he is pure**.