

Building A Church

Matthew 16:18

I. New Testament Understandings

- A. A Congregation - Col. 1:24
- B. An Individual - I Cor. 12:12,27
- C. A Worldwide Body - I Cor. 12:13
- D. Analogies:
 - 1. Shepherd & Sheep - Jn. 10:14
 - 2. Army - II Tim. 2:3,4; Eph. 6:11-18
 - 3. Family - Rom. 16:1; I Pet. 5:12
 - 4. Athletes - I Tim. 4:7; II Tim. 2:5; I Cor. 9:25

II. The Purpose

- A. To carry on Jesus' work - Mt. 28:19,20; Eph 4:11,12ff
 - 1. Evangelism - converting the lost to Jesus
 - 2. Discipleship - training believers in the faith
 - 3. Edification - building up the church to carry out the work
- B. To minister to individual needs - Acts 2:44-46
- C. To exalt the name of Jesus - Jn. 12:32; Phil. 2:9-11

III. Necessary Components

- A. Foundation (Jesus) - Acts 4:11; Eph. 2:19,20
- B. Leadership - Heb. 13:7, 17; I Pet. 5:1-4;
- C. Willing-hearted people - Eph. 4:12; Phil. 2:3-8; I Pet. 4:10,11
- D. Resources - I Cor 16:1,2; Mal. 3:8-10; Mt. 6:19-21