

VERSES ON CHURCH

Matthew 16:18 18 I [Jesus] also say to you that you are Peter (Πέτρος), and upon this rock (πέτρα) [Peter's confession] I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

Matthew 28:19-20 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And look, I am with you always, even to the end of the [Church] age.

John 10:16 16 I [Jesus] have other sheep [Gentile believers] that are not of this fold [Jewish believers]. I must bring them also. They will hear my voice, and they will become one flock [church] with one shepherd [Jesus].

John 17:20-23 20 I do not ask on behalf of [the disciples] alone, but for those also who believe in me through their message, 21 that they may all be one. Even as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as we are one. 23 I in them and you in me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them, even as you have loved me.

Acts 1:6-8 6 When [the apostles] had come together, they were asking [Jesus] saying: Lord, is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel? 7 He said to them: It is not for you to know times or epochs that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

Acts 2:1-4 1 When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 2:41-47 41 Those who had received [Peter's] word were baptised, and that day there were added about three thousand souls. 42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers. 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe, and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with exultation and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having grace toward all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 5:12-14 12 At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. 13 But none of the rest dared to associate with them. However, the people held them in high esteem. 14 And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added.

Acts 9:31 31 The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up. And going on in the fear of the Lord [Jesus] and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

Acts 16:4-5 4 While [Paul and Silas] were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem for them to observe. 5 So the churches were being strengthened in the faith and were increasing in number daily.

Acts 20:28 28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he purchased with his own blood.

Romans 11:25-26 25 I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be uninformed of this mystery..., that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the nations (ἐθνῶν) has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:2 2 ... To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been set apart in Messiah Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Messiah, their Lord and ours.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to each one. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. ...9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:16 16 Do you not know that you (pl.) are a temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you (pl.)?

1 Corinthians 10:32 32 Give no offense to Jews, to Greeks, or to the church of God....

1 Corinthians 12:12-28 12 Even as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Messiah. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptised into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. ... 18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body just as he desired. 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be? 20 But now there are many members, but one body. ...27 Now you are Messiah's body and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, kinds of foreign languages.

1 Corinthians 14:12 12 ...Strive to excel in building up the church.

Ephesians 1:22-23 22 [God] put all things in subjection under [Messiah's] feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 2:13-22 13 Now in Messiah Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah. 14 For he himself is our peace, who made both one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in his flesh the enmity, the Torah of commandments in ordinances, so that in himself he might make the two into one new man, establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by having put to death the enmity. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and are of God's household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Messiah Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:4-11 4 When you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Messiah, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit, 6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Messiah Jesus through the gospel.... 8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Messiah, 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery that for ages has been hidden in God who created all things, 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he carried out in Messiah Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 4:4-5 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all, through all, and in all.

Ephesians 4:11-16 11 ...[Messiah] gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Messiah, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Messiah. ...15 Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into him who is the head, even Messiah, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Ephesians 5:25-32 25 Husbands, love your wives just as Messiah also loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 so that he might set her apart, having cleansed her by the washing

of water with the word, 27 that he might present to himself the church in all her glory, having no spot, wrinkle, or any such thing, but that she would be holy and blameless. ...29 No one ever hated his own flesh but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Messiah also the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great—but I am speaking with reference to Messiah and the church.

Colossians 1:18 18 [The Son] is also head of the body, the church.

Colossians 1:24-27 24 I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of [Messiah's] body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Messiah's afflictions. 25 Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship (οἰκονομία) from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, 26 the mystery which has been hidden from the ages and generations but has now been manifested to his saints, 27 to whom God desired to make known what is the riches (πλοῦτος) of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:19 19 ...Not holding fast to the head [Jesus], from whom the entire body [the Church], being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

1 Timothy 3:15 15 I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

Hebrews 3:6 6 Messiah was faithful as a Son over [God's] house, whose house we are if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

1 Peter 2:5-10 5 You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Messiah. ...9 You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 For you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God.

1 Peter 5:9 9 Resist [Satan], firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.