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## WHAT GOD IS PUTTING TOGETHER

Scripture: Matthew 16:18 NIV

### Introduction

In all human history, there has been nothing more powerful, more enduring than the church of Jesus Christ. It has been assaulted, infiltrated, undermined, and sedated in an attempt to conquer it.

But God's church cannot be overcome! The great I AM is its owner. He is in control, and nothing formed against His church can prosper.

### I. What is being built

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27 KJV

#### A. The church -- Gr. ecclesia: called out ones

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21 NIV

1. Called out of the world
2. Called out of compromise
3. Called into His service

#### B. The material used in the church

1. Its foundation *ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND...*

For no one can lay any foundation than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11 NIV

2. Its components

...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit

Ephesians 2:20-22 NIV

II. Who is doing the building

...I will build my church....

Matthew 16:19b NIV

A. He planned the project

But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

1 Corinthians 12:18 NIV

B. He purchases the material

...Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28b NIV

C. He places the components

You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5 NIV

III. Who it is being built for

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20a  
NIV

A. The principle of divine ownership

1. It is His church

2. It is NOT my church or your church

B. The claim of divine ownership

1. He is in charge

2. We have no rights, only privileges

Conclusion

Every thing that we are, that we own, that we hope to be, belongs to Him. We are responsible for every resource that we have. God have given us a sacred trust for which we are accountable.

Luke 10:19