

Confidence in Church



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Confidence ?

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Jesus is THE Builder



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Isn't this the **builder**, the son of Mary.. - Mark
6:3...

- **tektwn** tekton *tek'-tone* from the base of *tik'-to*;
 - 1) a worker in wood, a carpenter, joiner, builder
 - 2) any craftsman, or workman
 - 3) a planner, contriver, plotter



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The **builder** at Creation....



"He has spoken to us in his son...

..through whom he
made the world" –
Heb 1:2



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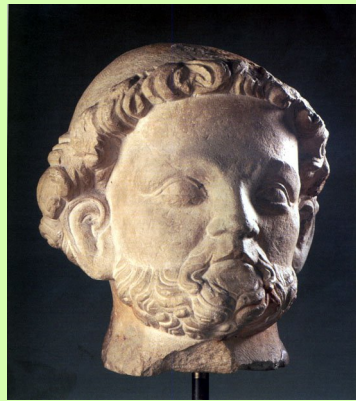
I was beside Him, as a master **builder**... –
Prov 8:30...

- **Nwma 'a□mo□n *aw-mone*** like 'a□ma□n;
 - 1) artificer, architect, master workman, skilled workman
 - 2) a name
 - 3) a throng (of people)
- NB: AV translates as “one brought up” because of the connection to 'a□man “to build up”



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The **builder** at the right hand of the Father....



"On this rock ...

..I will build my Church"
– Matt 16:18



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When he ascended..he gave gifts.. to **build up**
the body of Christ.. – Eph 4:8-12...

- οἰκδομή **oikodome oy-kod-om-ay**;
 - 1) (the act of) building, building up
 - 2) (metaphorically) edifying
 - 3) a building or edifice



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In Summary

- Jesus was a builder in Creation
 - Jesus was a builder in his Incarnation
 - Jesus is a builder in the Ascension
- Note how the relationship between Jesus the builder in the Incarnation and then the Ascension is mirrored in the lives of David and Solomon



Presence

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The essence of church



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Foundational Assumption:

- Church is primarily defined by the Presence of God, without this the body is dead it can't be the Gate of Heaven.



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Presence is the foundation of Church

When two or three are gathered in my name I am in the midst of them



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Presence is the rock

On this rock I will build my
Church

The House of God = The Gate of
Heaven = Jesus



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A short spiritual history of what Jesus is building

- Bethel – the house of God = the Gate of Heaven. Gen 28:17
- Solomons Temple – founded on the Ark of Gods Presence – completed becomes an amplifier of God's presence. 2 Chron 5:5-14
- Ezekiel's heavenly temple with walls of Spirit, the dwelling place of God etc Ezek 42-44
- Ezra's Temple...



An example from re- **building** the Temple

- Jeshua/Zerubbabel start to rebuild the temple... get the alter laid and the sacrifice in place.. Ezr 3:10
- Difficulties come work stops – Ezr 4:4
- Haggai and Zechariah exhort and restart work - Ezr 5:1
- Temple Completed, feasts re-instated Ezr 6:14
- People return from exile (supernaturally) Ez 7-10
- Jerusalem prospers - Nehemiah



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Haggai's prophecy

- No Social regeneration without spiritual renewal. – Hag 1:3-11



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Jeshua and Zerubbabel's Partnership

- Jeshua = Jesus = Saviour
- Zerubbabel = Descendent of Chaos (Babel)
 - The building of the temple is a heavenly/human partnership as with Peter's "Living Stones"



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Paul's Warning

- Don't put your leftovers into building church – 1 Cor 3:12-17



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Co-operation in Incarnation



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In my Father's house there are many rooms –
John 14:2...

- **monh** mone *mon-ay*
- 1) a staying, abiding, dwelling, abode
- 2) to make an (one's) abode
- 3) metaph. of the God the Holy Spirit indwelling believers



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