

Hebrews 3:6

The House of Jesus Christ

The reality of the presence of Christ among us is described in various ways throughout scripture, we are the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, we are His workmanship... but one of the most repeated pictures is this picture of us as the house of God. Our place and our purpose are both wrapped up in this. We are the place where God dwells, and we are the vessel of His abundant and radiant glory when He takes up His abode among us. This picture has several aspects to it...

The individual

The church

The household

I. YOU, THE HOUSE –

The dwelling place of the Spirit. Individual believers are all the real and present house of Christ. When the Spirit takes up residence within us, we ARE the house where God dwells...

John 14.15-18
1Corinthians 3.16-17

II. WE, THE HOUSE.

- a. Built for the display of His glory
- b. The pillar and the ground of truth

1Tim 3.14-15

- i. The superstructure
 - ii. The foundation
 - iii. The visible display
 - iv. The particular display
- c. An edifice built to suit, purposed for His Kingdom

Ephesians 2.19-22

- i. Holy
- ii. Precious

- iii. Beautiful - decorated with all manner of gold and precious stones
- iv. Continuing the work that Jesus began

- 1. Jesus is the cornerstone
- 2. All needful things gathered

- a. Bread of life –

John 6.32-40

- b. Water of life –

John 4.13-14

- c. Supply for all needs –

Matthew 6.25-34

- d. Daily replenished

- 3. All needful roles filled –

Ephesians 4.11-16

d. Built

1Peter 2.4-5

- i. Not a chance occurrence
- ii. Not determined by the materials, but the materials determined by the builder

e. Code compliant

- i. Obey the Master
- ii. Cleansed –

2 Corinthians 7.1;
2 Corinthians 6.16-18

- iii. Content with the lot and place prescribed –

Philippians 4.10-13

- iv. Working together –

- 1. Unity among ourselves
- 2. Unity with God –

Romans 5.1-5

3. Unified with His purposes

III. THE HOUSEHOLD

This is about the culture that the church upholds. The things about us that make us one, that make us other, that make us God's own house...

1 Corinthians 3.9-17

- a. The house is the temple of God
- b. Worship is the law
- c. God's scope and purpose is the rule

Galatians 6.6-10

- d. The gospel of grace is the language
- e. The display and dissemination of the truth is the reason

f. The Glory of the Lamb is the delight and meaning.

i. Not to us

Ezekiel 36.22-23

ii. Not for our pleasure and comfort

Philippians 2.12-16

Colossians 3.1-7

iii. Not primarily for the sake of the lost

Romans 3:21-26

Ephesians 3.8-12

iv. Not primarily for the correction and edification of the culture. The gospel will have a purifying effect as it changes those who are IN the culture, but the culture itself, may be lost or won without changing the truth of the kingdom at all.

v. The reward that Jesus's sufferings bought Him is our desire

Philippians 2.5-11

