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**Topic: The Church: A Spiritual House**

Scripture Text: 1 Peter 2:5

1. The Bible tells us the Church is God's called out people. The picture of the Church given in 1 Peter 2:5 is that of a Spiritual House. We must first remember that God is the Builder of the Church. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 that He will build His Church. We are only His co-labourers.
2. As God is the Builder of the Church, the Church must follow the blue-print of God to function according to His way, and not our own way. Leaders and members of the Church must be what God wants us to be and to do what He wants us to do in the Church.
3. Secondly, we must know God owns the Church. The Church is called the Church of God and the House of God. Therefore it is a Spiritual House. The Head of the Church is Jesus Christ. The Church is also called a Holy Temple and the Habitation of God (Eph 2:21,22).
4. The glory of God must fill the Church and the Church must be pre-occupied with God's holiness. The Church cannot be an entertainment house to please men. The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 4:17 that judgment must first begin at the House of God. Hence, the Lord will chasten and rebuke the Church for her disobedience because God loves the Church.
5. Thirdly, the members of the Church are to be lively stones in this Spiritual House. Members of the Church are believers who are alive in Christ with a new life in Christ. Members will pray for each other and encourage each other. Members are lively stones who will zealously serve the Lord.