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FOUNDATIONS

The True Church (by Apostle Hennie Meyers)

1. JESUS IS THE BUILDER OF HIS CHURCH.

MATT 16:18 On this rock I will build my church, and death itself will not have any power over it.

a. THIS IS A PRESENT CONTINUOUS WORK.

i. WE UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH AND THIS IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS OF BUILDING THAT IS STILL IN EFFECT.

b. THE PURPOSE IS TO BRING US TO MATURITY.

Eph 4:11 And truly He gave some to be apostles, and some to be prophets, and some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, Eph 4:12 for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Eph 4:13 And this until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

c. TO A PLACE OF ACCURATE REPRESENTATION.

John 14:9 He who has seen Me has seen the Father.

2. THE CHURCH CORPORATELY IS HIS BODY.

Eph 1:22 And He has put all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, Eph 1:23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

a. WE ARE MEMBERS OF HIS BODY.

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.

1Co 12:27 And you are the body of Christ, and members in part.

Rom 12:4 For even as we have many members in one body, and all members do not have the same function,

Rom 12:5 so we the many are one body in Christ, and each one members of one another.

3. WE ARE THE CHURCH AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GOD'S AUTHORITY.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, all authority is given to Me in Heaven and in earth.

Mat 28:19 Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.

4. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE CHURCH:

a. NOT JUST ONE CONGREGATION.

- i. EACH LOCAL CONGREGATION/TRIBE/HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH IS PART OF THE GLOBAL CHURCH (GOD'S PEOPLE).

b. OWNERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

- i. THE CHURCH IS NOT OURS, IT IS GOD'S.
- ii. MAN IS A BUILDER WITH GOD AND LEADERS ARE CHOSEN BY HIM TO DISTRIBUTE THE PLAN OF GOD, DISPENSING GRACE.
- iii. EACH CONGREGATION SHOULD BE FULFILLING PROPHECY. BRINGING THE PROPHECIES OF OLD TO FULFILLMENT AND MANIFESTATION.

iv. IT IS A PLACE OF UNITY IN VISION.

1Co 1:10 But I exhort you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

THERE MUST BE NO DISPUTE, DIVISION, COMPETITIONS AND

FRICIONS. THE FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH MUST BE SINGULAR PRESENTATION IN ONENESS AND UNITY.

- v. THE CHURCH IS AN ASSEMBLY FOR RELATIONSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP.

1 John 4:20 If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For if he does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? – OUR TRUE CONNECTION WITH CHRIST IS MANIFESTED IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH MAN.

- vi. THERE HAS TO BE COMMUNITY COVENANT. THE POWER OF EQUALITY AND CARE PREVENTS COMPETITION AND OVER-ESTEEM. THE EARLY CHURCH DEMONSTRATED A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WHERE EVERYONE WAS IMPORTANT AND CARED FOR.

- vii. A PLACE OF ALIGNMENT OF CHARACTER. NO FREELANCE MENTALITIES OF PEOPLE LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES. THE STRUCTURE OF MORALITY IN KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDS ERASES THE DESIRE FOR RECKLESS LIVING OR LAZINESS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2Th 3:6 Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who walks disorderly, and not after the teaching which he received from us.