



...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8

Where Is the House of God?
Part 2
1Cor. 3:16; 6:18; et. al.
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The Temple of the Holy Spirit
1Corinthians 3:16, 17 (NASB)

Do you not know that **you are a temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for **the temple of God is holy**, and that is what you are.

“ The church is God’s temple and dwelling place (‘you’ is plural)
“ The church is holy to God and must be treated that way

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The Christian Is The Lord’s Temple
1Corinthians 6:18, 19 (NASB)

Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

“ The Christian is a temple of the Holy Spirit
“ The Christian should reject immorality (God’s temple cannot be like the pagan temple)

The Church as the Temple of God 3

The True Temple of God

2Corinthians 6:16 (NASB)

Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For **we are the temple of the living God**; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

~ The Church is corporately the temple of God
~ This is a New Covenant promise
~ We therefore must reject all idolatry

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The Household of God

Ephesians 2:19, 20 (ESV)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of **the household of God**, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

~ The church is a people, not a physical building
~ The building with foundations is a metaphor
~ All those who are redeemed are part of this household and supported by Christ and His apostles

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The New Covenant Holy Temple

Ephesians 2:21, 22 (ESV)

in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into **a holy temple in the Lord**. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

~ Objects are not Holy under the New Covenant, Christian people are
~ The dwelling place of God is in His people not a structure made with hands
~ We are being built together by God's work of grace

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The Whole World Is Under Darkness

John 3:19; 12:46 (NASB)

"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and **men loved the darkness** rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

I have come as Light into the world, so that **everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.**

~ Darkness is associated with Satan's domain, Ephesians 6:12, Colossians 1:13

~ Conversion is going from darkness to light, 1Peter 2:9

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We Go From One Dominion to Another

Acts 26:18 (NASB)

to open their eyes so that they may **turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God**, that they may receive **forgiveness of sins** and an inheritance among those who have been **sanctified by faith in Me.**

~ This is Jesus describing His work through the gospel

~ All Christians are sanctified, in the light, under God, and have their sins forgiven

~ We leave Satan's dominion though still in this world

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Moses' House and Christ's

Hebrews 3:5, 6 (NASB)

Now **Moses** was faithful in all **His house** as a **servant**, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; but **Christ was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are**, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

~ There is a contrast between "servant" and "Son" as well as "in" and "over" (lesser to greater)

~ We are the "house of God" and have access to Christ who is Priest over that "house" (Heb. 10:21-23)

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