

The Church: The Building of God

When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.' 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be **in my Father's house?**' But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Luke 2vs 48-50 (TNIV)

'A time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem..... a time is coming and has now come when true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for these are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.' John 4 vs 23 (TNIV)

1. For worship Jesus was predicting from tradition.
2. Worshippers would no longer need to worship a holy God
3. Over the next 5 years the Church of Scotland intends to
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Any church which spends more on buildings than on outreach,

Holds all its gatherings in 'the church'

Puts construction before mission and evangelism

Refuses to use its buildings for anything other than 'sacred' functions

Measures spirituality by the number of human bodies present within the four walls,

has an edifice complex and is almost totally ignorant of what the Bible means by the church.

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4. Jesus isof any church

Each one should build with care. For no-one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3 vs 11 (TNIV)

5. Jesus is the of any church.

See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. 1 Peter 2 vs 6 (TNIV)

As you come to Him, the living Stone.....You, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4,5 (TNIV)

6. You are a
7. God wants Troqueer church to offer to Him.
8. A spiritual sacrifice is when we to God.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true worship. Romans 12:1 (TNIV)

9. is a spiritual sacrifice to God.
- 10..... is a spiritual sacrifice to God.
- 11..... is a spiritual sacrifice to God.

I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gift you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable offering pleasing to God. Philippians 4:18 (TNIV)

- 12.Buildings under construction

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Corinthians 5:1 (TNIV)