

The Church is to be the Full Expression of Christ

According to Ephesians 4:12 who builds the church? "His intention - (In other words God's intention by giving to you the apostle, the prophet, the pastor, the evangelist and teacher, His intention for doing that was "for the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints, (His consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's body (the church), That it might develop until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God; that we might arrive at really mature manhood the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection".

Some may say "impossible", then throw the Bible away. The church is to be the full expression of Him Who fills everything, everywhere with Himself, the church as Colossians says "is full of the God-Head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we are complete in Him" the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection, the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and the completeness found in Him. Now that's what the church is to be built up to. The church is to be built up so that it becomes the perfect and complete expression of the fullness of God.

That's why I say, it doesn't happen through teaching, it doesn't happen through preaching, all of these things are helps. It doesn't happen by the apostle, the prophet, the evangelist, the pastor and the teacher. The church will only be built up when we as individual believers begin to accept our priestly and our kingly office, and begin to feed on the Bread of Life and allow Him to grow up on the inside of us, and then we will corporately build the church.

The scriptures tell the saints how to build the church. Yet today, you go to most churches and there's no building. There are no saints building up one another. Most come for the "pastor" to build them up. Remember we are still acting like we are under the old order of the Aaronic priesthood. We're still looking for Aaron to go into the presence of God for us. We're still looking for the high priest to do the work. When we all become the proper priests and kings when the

church comes together we'll partake of the Bread and the Wine, and we'll be the authority to put to death the deed of darkness.

You can take a born again believer and teach him all you want to about their authority in Christ, and they don't have any as long as "self" is ruling on the throne of their hearts. The only authority we have is in the priestly office and that is one who has been spirit filled and saturated with the spirit.

If we were Spirit Filled, we would be the New Testament Priesthood, and we would be the expression of God on the earth. We wouldn't express our own ideas. We wouldn't express our own concepts, and our own theological discourses. We wouldn't argue over doctrines and opinions and differences. But we'd come together and just flow in the Spirit of God. We would flow in praise and adoration. We'd flow in the love of God. To be Spirit Filled means that you're filled, and you are controlled, and you're motivated by the Spirit of God. On the day of Pentecost, they didn't just speak in tongues, but they were filled, they were constituted, they were the first beginnings of the New Testament Priesthood.