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THE GLORY OF THE CHURCH

Numbers 13:23

I Cor. 12

Eph. 3:10, 21

The church is a Divine Institution.

The only visible organization of divine appointment.

God has (committed) the preaching of the Gospel to a lost world. Until the end of the world the true Temple of God will be under construction.

(New Testament) teaches that each local church is responsible and duties rests upon the local church that cannot be pushed off to another.

Eph. 3:21 - Unto him be glory in the church by Christ. Jesus through out all ages.

Eph. 2:21-22 - In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord.

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

From Christ the head, all the body, fitly framed and knit together as parts of a beautiful, constantly growing temple for God.

Every joint supplies and builds -- The part that is loose destroys - unity
- you may lift a woven garment by one thread because the different threads are interwoven!

The parts holding together in the church -- compactness, each part connected, each member a living connection with Christ the head of the church.

If there is a member of the church who has no living connection with Christ, he becomes dead weight and destroys.

That is why every time you bring the joy of salvation back to a backslidden Christian, you have re-established full connection between that member and the head -- Jesus Christ.

We are not free to work out in the church our own plans -- God has appointed the church as the institution for the accomplishment of his purposes.

So let us have faith to go to work.

Get in touch with the Head.

God put (everything) in the church for her work.

(He put woman) in the church for his work. I believe that and I'm not using soft soap, you know that is flattery, and you know soft soap is 50% lye.

I am going to be as honest as the man was at a banquet who proposed the following toast to ladies. He said, "Here's to the young ladies -- not too young, for the good die young, and who wants a dead one."

Here's to the ladies, the old ladies -- not too old, for the old die, too,

and who wants a dyed one?"

God can use even the dyed ones -- women have a task.

I heard of a woman who was honest with her husband.

One night she woke her husband up crying her heart out. When he asked her what the trouble was, she explained that she had been dreaming she was at a husband auction.

Some husbands were selling for a hundred dollars, some a thousand, and some even more.

He rebuked her right sharply and told her to go back to sleep; it was ridiculous to think about any husband auction.

The wife went back to sleep, but the husband didn't. Presently he woke her up and asked, "In that husband auction what did you dream I was bringing?" She answered, "That's exactly why I was crying. Your kind were being bunched up like onions and sold two bunches for a nickel."

At least she told the truth and remember, "Its the truth that always hurts."

In life generally this is a problem. "For instance: It's perfectly good taste to tell you wife she looks cool; but she becomes furious if you tell her she doesn't look so hot!"

In the great scheme of God, he placed every necessary thing in the church.

In fact -- God placed everything in the church that the 12 men found in the Promise Land, who went to spy out the land.

Everything they brought back from the Promise Land is in the church.

Numbers 13:23 - They came to the brook Eshcol and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes and they bare it between two on a staff...

They brought Pomegranates, & Figs, "

First - They brought back grapes.

Grape Vine - Gen. 14:18

Soil and climate favorable to the vine.

Plains, mountains, valley, Dead Sea. Esp. Eshcol.

Tower for watchman - animals, etc.

Press, a vat hewn in the rock.

Prime, dig about.

Red - Rev. 14:19.

White variety - Bethlehem & Hebron - August.

Eaten Fresh - Num. 6:3, Deut. 23:24.

Dried - raisins in clusters.

Pressed into cakes - or food. I Sam. 25:18.

Juice - drink fresh and fermented.

Festivity in Oct. Treaders, press.

Judges 9:27, Isa. 16:10.

Grapes and wine - can't put new wine in old bottles. Talking about
the Holy Ghost. That's the new wine.

You must get a new bottle.

Have to get a new heart first before you get the Spirit.

This is in the church.

→ Second, They brought figs.

Fig - Judges 9:10

Numbers 13:23.

Young trees does not bear much fruit unless the ground is cultivated.

Luke 13:6-9.

Old trees speedily degenerate and fail when neglected.

Prov. 27:18.

Blossom appears in Spring before the leaves open, on branches of last

years growth. Song 2:13 - it is the green fig.

First ripe fig is ready in June. Isa. 28:4.

Late ripe fig is Aug. onward, grow on new wood.

(Dried) - pressed into cakes. Staple article of food. I Sam. 25:18.

Highly prized - symbol of prosperity - security.

"Sit under one's own fig tree or vine - I King 4:25; Micah 4:4.

Barren Fig tree - Parable - Jewish nation.

(Medicine) - Poultice - 2 Kin. 20:7.

→ Speaks of healing - This is divine, because (God does not need help.)

God put this in his church.

→ Third - They brought Pomegranates

These represent gifts - 'supernatural gifts'.

Pomegranate tree from 12-15' high. Leaves, occasional thorns.

Flowers with scarlet petals.

(Fruit) - size of oranges, hard-red rind - numerous seeds. Red pulp.

Refreshing taste - made pleasant juice.

Cultivated - In Bible Times - Num. 13:23.

High Priest's Ephod - Ex. 28:33, 34

Pomegranates of the blue, purple, and scarlet alternating with bells made of gold were put along the skirts of the robe.

Solomon's Temple - I Kings 7:20, 2 Kings. 25:17, 2 Chron. 3:16.

Fruit still cultivated in Palestine.

✓ Representative of Gifts - I Cor. 12: 1, 8-10

V. 1 - Concerning spiritual gifts.

V. 8 - Gifts of the mind, vocal gifts, gifts with the power to act.

Word of Wisdom - Filled with God's wisdom by the Spirit.

Word of Knowledge - Insight according to same Spirit.

Faith - a working faith.

Healing - Acts of healing - making sick people well. A definite gift.
Supernatural and is not bestowed upon the rank and file in this country.

Miracles - Power to do supernatural things, wonders for the Lord.

V. 10 - Prophecy - Act of speaking forth for God.

Discernment - Ability to determine between the Holy Spirit and some diabolical force Satan uses.

Divies - Varieties of tongues - Enable to preach the Gospel to all men.
Cause men to talk for God.

Gifts, what are they?

Capacities for service - They are all gifts.

I am nothing within myself - It is in His grace He has allowed me His Gifts.

Not each and every one will have the same gift. As He wills.

18 times word of God speaks of the church as the body - figure - all members as one. It is not if I were so and so in the church, I would do so and so.

In order for the body to function all parts must co-operate with the head.

All things brought from the Promise Land were put in the church for her unification. The feet cannot say I have no need of you, the hand cannot say I will do as I please.

whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20).

"But I don't have to be in church to worship," someone protests. True. But listen to what a little girl said to her father when the family was going on a Sunday outing, and he had said they could pray at the lake. "We could, Daddy, but we won't, will we?"

There is something about being with other believers that is conducive to prayer, to worship, to spiritual meditation. Try to build a fire with one log, or with one chunk of coal. You can't! It takes two or more logs, two or more pieces of coal, to nourish the blaze and fuel the fire.

Sometimes a church is criticized for its lack of friendliness, or Christian fellowship. Bobby Burns visited a church one Sunday and wrote his feelings in the flyleaf of a hymnal:

As cold a wind as ever blew;
A colder church, and in it but few;
As cold a minister as ever spak':
Ye'll all be hot ere I come back.

Of course the fellow who always arrives late, leaves early, and sits on the back row can hardly accuse a church of being cold. It takes two to make a conversation. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly" (Pro. 18:24). What do we expect? A brass band to meet us at the

In January of 1966, a ground rescue party reached Captain Thomas D. Smith of Dallas and three other survivors of the crashed C-47 transport plane in southern Greece. Smith and his companions had spent nearly forty-eight hours huddled in the fuselage of the plane atop 7,680-foot Mt. Helmos as blizzard winds howled outside. They were near freezing when rescued. Captain Smith said, "The impact threw me out into the snow. There was a terrible blizzard. Within minutes, our hands were covered with half an inch of solid ice. I found nine parachutes, and made sleeping bags from them. But my fingers were soon frozen stiff. They were like rocks. There was another officer. He and I cuddled each other like a mother and child until both our hands and feet were warm."

By sharing with each other the warmth of their bodies, these brave fliers lived through the freezing ordeal. Singly, each would have died.

It is not claiming too much to say that the blizzards of materialism and worldliness and selfishness will freeze any of us who try to live our faith on our own. Others need our warmth; we need theirs. Each without the other is doomed.

That's why we have churches.
That's why we gather to worship. Not

Joel 1:12 - The vine is dried up and
The fig tree languisheth,
The pomegranate tree,
The palm tree also, and
The apple tree, even all
The trees of the field, are withered;
Because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

The gift of being a helper in the house of God is a gift.

All you have to do is cross Jordan and enjoy the things God has prepared for you.

Everything brought back from the Promise Land are in the church.

Grapes - the new wine - Holy Spirit.

Figs - Healing of body and soul.

Pomegranates - Gifts for carrying on the church.

(Even women) - Special spies crossing into the Promise Land were given hospitality in the house of Rahab. For her deed, her father, mother and all her kindred were saved from the destruction of (Jericho).

What we need today is faith.

It's all here - everything they brought out of the Promise Land.

For the Glory of the church!

Is There Some one in Need of Grapes - Holy Spirit - New Heart?

Fig - Healing of Soul & Body?

Benevolence - Special gift of Service -
Teach, witness, share your faith -

9. Rahab's Blessing — Salvation From Sin & Wicked Life!

Remember this is for glory of Church!