

THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT – 2
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REVIEW:

1. Christ has preeminence.
2. Word based church.
3. Spirit-filled church.
4. Holy church.

CONTINUE:

5. Praying church. MT. 21:12-13

- A. Twice Jesus cleansed the temple. His issue was with two groups that misused it for personal gain.
 - Money changers: Changed foreign currency into local currency to pay the required temple tax.
 - Those selling animals: Both made fortunes by over-charging the people.
- B. “Den of thieves” thieves lived in dens and caves. They were using the temple to rob the Jewish community and profit themselves and the Roman government.
 - The church is not to be used to exploit God’s people for personal gain. We don’t merchandise the anointing.
- C. The church is God’s people gathering together to have a meaningful and powerful encounter with God.
 - **ACTS 4:23-31** – They knew they couldn’t succeed without God’s power being in manifestation.

6. Worshipping church. MT. 21:14-16

- A. Praise is an outflow of gratitude to God for who He is and what He does: Saves the lost, heals the sick and delivers the captives.
- B. **JOHN 4:19-24** – The hour is now.
- C. **LUKE 24:50-53** – This is how the temple was to be used.
 - **HEB. 13:15** – The legal sacrifices were superceded and abolished by Christ. Today we offer sacrifices of praise.
 - John Gill – Jewish quote: “In future time (days of the Messiah) all sacrifices shall cease, but the sacrifice of praise shall not cease.”
 - **PS. 63:1-3** – David’s desire must be our desire.
 - **2 CHRON. 5:11-14** – The perfect example of God’s presence and power manifesting when sanctified, purified, and unified believers praise God.

7. A soul winning church. ACTS 8:5-8

- A. Nothing is more important than one’s eternal destination.
- B. **ACTS 4:31-33** – Our prayer should be “grant us boldness to speak your Word by stretching forth your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy Holy Child Jesus.”

CONCLUSION:

The church is to put Christ first, to be word based, Spirit-filled, holy, pure, a praying, praising, soul winning church that’s not satisfied with the status quo.