**Build Your Church** *(Graphic)*

1. **Jesus is the Rock** the church is built upon.
2. God wants to grow your church because **heaven and hell are a reality**.
3. **Nothing** has ever, or ever will stop **the Lord’s church**.

(Mark 16:15)

“He said to them, “Go into **all the world** and preach the gospel to all creation.”

(Mark 16:19-20)

“After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.”

**A Church that Works**

1. A church works when **each person** who comes to faith in Jesus takes **personal responsibility** for passing it along.

(John 17:18)

“As you sent me into the world, I have sent **them** into the world.”

1. A church works is **marked** by unity, cooperation, and mutual submission for the sake of Christ and his **mission**.

(Ephesians 4:3)

“Make every effort to keep the **unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

(Romans 12:18)

“If it is possible, **as far as it depends on you**, live at peace with everyone.”

1. A church works when the leaders are free to pursue their tasks with the **backing** of the members.

(Acts 6:2-4)

“So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them, and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

1. A church works when we are **empowered** by the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 1:8)

“But you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes on you; and you will be by **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”