

The Body of Christ

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Body of the Church When we say the word church, at this time we mean Local Christian community. But the word church was used Long before the Church created by Jesus was born Christ. The church is a group of people who have separated themselves for some Goals, and these goals are not always religious. Therefore, in communication with Apostle Peter Jesus Christ said that He would create the Church Theirs, which the gates of hell cannot overcome.

We don't build with you Church, although we call a church a room where we bring our Services. The early Church created by Jesus Christ consisted of Local communities, was approved on the basis of the Apostles and Old Testament prophets. And stood at the base of the cornerstone, Who was Jesus Christ. And we see it in the Apostle's letter Paul to the Ephesians. -1- "Being approved on the basis of the Apostles and prophets, having Himself Jesus Christ is the cornerstone on which the whole building, being made up Slender, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, on which you You will be settled in the dwelling place of God by the Spirit." Eph.2:20-22 This biblical text says about God's order in God's House building.

On the basis of which the whole building,

Which is the Church of Jesus Christ, being built up well, Grows into a holy temple in the Lord. God's house building Consists exclusively of God's spiritual material. Everything Kind of additives from our side are a hack and do not withstand For strength during the tests. And it's clearly visible in the message Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. -2- "I, according to the grace given to me by God, as a wise builder, laid The base, the other builds on it, but everyone looks at how it builds.

For No one can put any other basis than the one that is supposed to, Which is Jesus Christ. Does anyone build on this basis from Gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, - each The matter will be revealed; for the day will show, because it is opened in fire, and Fire tests everyone's work as it is. Who has the business, which He built, will stand, he will get a reward. And whoever burns the case, that Will be damaged; however, he himself will be saved, but as if from the fire." 1-Cor.3:10-15 The reliability of any structure depends on a solid foundation.

And that's why Apostle Paul says that no one can Put another basis besides the one already laid down, which in God's house building is Jesus Christ. Visual

The manual of this is the parable of Jesus Christ about two buildings, one of Which are built on an earthly foundation, and the other on stone. Outwardly They were no different from each other. But when the trials came, A building built on the ground, fell on a human basis, and the building Built on stone, God's foundation withstood. In the future, we Let's go back to the reasoning about two grounds, and now let's Let's talk about building material in God's house building.

"So, everyone should understand us as servants of Christ and House builders of the mysteries of God. The home builder is required to Everyone turned out to be faithful." 1-Cor.4:1-2 It is very important to understand that you and I are ministers Christ's and serve people only on His terms. To know The will of

God in his vocation in the body of the Church, we need To need the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to be the builders of the mysteries God's, receiving revelations from God. And to be in all this Faithful before God.

By doing so, we will certainly face Strong demonic confrontation. But in this confrontation The Lord will always be with us. -3- "Don't be afraid of anything you'll have to endure. Here, the devil Will bring you from among you into prison to tempt you, and you will be

To have the sorrow of ten days. Be faithful to death, and I'll give you a crown Of life." Ot.2:10 The Bible says that if we sit down, you and I will be faithful even in small things, God Will put us above the great. Our faith is built on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the teachings of his Apostles. At the foundation of our faith is all God's promises written in the Bible, claiming which we We will achieve all God's goals both in our lives and in our Service to God.

Biblical promises are a building Material in God's house building and are not subject to change For any spare options. And it can be seen well from the words Apostle Paul recorded in the Epistle to the Corinthians. "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, preached among you by us, by me and Silvan and Timothy, was not "yes and "no"; but in Him was "yes", and in To them "amen", - to the glory of God, through us.

Approving you and me In Christ and the one who anointed us is God, who both imprinted us and gave Pledge of the Spirit in our hearts." 2-Cor.1:19-22 God called me to serve in the field of practical and -4- Non-traditional Theology and for forty years prepared for To this service, conducting on the path of faith through many different Temptations. And only after that he entrusted me with this service. Than

Differs practical and non-traditional Theology from Classical traditional Theology. The usual generally accepted Theology is based on biblical theology. Thanks to this to We get an understanding of certain biblical truths and we We acquire extensive knowledge at the level of our mind. All this Serves us during the period of our life's well-being.

But at that time When we are faced with hardships, our acquired knowledge Are not able to cope with them and we often feel Defenseless. -5- Every biblical promise must pass the test of faith in Of our practical life. And only after that he will come to us The ability from the Lord to serve this promise in practical Theology for other people. And it won't happen at the level anymore Of our mind, and will manifest itself at the level of our spirit. Said Us will not only start to open this or that problem, but also Point to her decision.

Sometimes people address me well Who know the Scriptures, but at the same time are in serious problems from Who cannot be freed. Because not only them, but their pastor And the institutments are not able to help them in this. Instead of To direct people to the systematic confession of God

Promises that can solve all their problems, they are offered Christian theology. And sometimes they openly call for prudence And human wisdom. Which contradicts what it teaches us Scripture. And that's what Apostle Paul says about it.

"No one, don't deceive yourself. If any of you think to be wise In this age, be mad to be wise. For wisdom The world of this world is madness before God, as it is written: it catches the wise in Their cunning. And

also: the Lord knows the minds of the sages that they Vain." 1-Cor.3:18-20 Let's see another statement of the Apostle Paul on About this and we'll talk about it in more detail. -6- "We are crazy for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, and you Strong; you are in glory, and we are in dishonor.

Even now we endure hunger and Thirst, and nakedness and beatings, and we wander, and work, working our own Hands. They will slay us, we will speak; they persecute us, we endure; They blaspheme us, we pray; we are like litter for the world, like dust, trampled by all Until now. I'm not writing this to your shame, but I'm admonishing you how My beloved children. Because although you have thousands of mentors in Christ, but not many fathers; I have begott you in Christ by the gospel.

Therefore, I beg you: imitate me as I imitate Christ." 1-Cor.4:10-16

Whenever the word madness is used, it is assumed People's actions that do not correspond to common sense. But in this In this case, Apostle Paul says that he refers to believers, and not to People who don't know God. Our life and our actions are crazy For this world. Because practicality and wisdom are valued in this world Human.

You and I are not from this world and we live according to God's Rules, not the rules of this world. But unfortunately Many believers to keep their comfort zone, often Adhere to practicality and human wisdom. Turning To such believers, Apostle Paul is trying to arouse in them a pure Meaning and bring them to life according to the laws of the Kingdom of God, begging Imitate him, as he himself imitates Jesus Christ. -7- "And do not conform to this age, but be transformed by renewal Of your mind, so that you may know that there is a good, acceptable will of God And perfect." Rom.12:2 Continuing to reason in this direction, I want to share with You with one practical example.

When the tests came Through the pandemic, many believers have taken a position Prudence and human wisdom. It also affected Pastors of churches of our entire association. The pastor was accepted

Obsessive conditions of this world and began to encourage members to do so Of their churches, calling them to wisdom and prudence. They Persuaded believers to get vaccinated in order not to get sick Covid and not die. Many of these pastors have been vaccinated The first, which served as an example for others to follow Believers. And they also began to come to church in Safety masks. -8- The pastor of our church went even further.

During the Lord's Supper Replaced the cup of the Lord with individual cups. Oh Broken bread was accepted only from the hands of the pastor, on the hands Who was wearing transparent gloves. It was done for that So that no one gets sick with covid and doesn't die. The pastor continued To act in this way even after they have already been removed Pandemic restrictions and many churches have not adhered to it for a long time Of these rules.

In our church, everyone except the pastor has already taken off their masks. But during the Lord's Supper, the pastor was still wearing gloves and Bread continued to be taken from his hands. Only after I said To the pastor to stop doing it, as many are seduced, The pastor stopped wearing a mask and no longer wore gloves. Everything we preach in the church at the time of relative

Well-being will certainly be tested when heavy Times and our inner state will be immediately revealed. Are we worth We rely on the Lord in faith in everything, or are we based on Human wisdom, being likened to people who do not know God. "No one, don't deceive yourself. If any of you think to be wise In this age, be mad to be wise.

For wisdom The world of this is madness before God, as it is written: "catches the wise in Their cunning." And also: "The Lord knows the minds of the sages that they Vain." 1-Cor.3:18-20 Today, more than ever before, many people living on earth -9- They call themselves believers, but they don't confirm it with their lives. Their actions and lifestyle are no different from people who don't know God. They come to church with their personal purposes, not on Worship of God. One of these people comes to church with the aim of Find yourself a companion, or a life partner, knowing that the church Decent people visit.

Others come to find partners for Business, as the church is visited by serious and responsible people. Some of these parishioners just like the church atmosphere And the benevolence of people in the church. Apostle Jacob Speaks of such people as follows: "You believe that God

One: you do well; and the demons believe, and tremble. God doesn't need People who call themselves believers, but are not believers. To God Only faithful people who keep His commandments are needed. For it is said: "Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life." Nowadays, a lot of people call themselves Christians, they Regularly attend church and even actively participate in church Of life.

Some of them know the Scriptures well and even serve in Church by the word of God. But with all this, they don't need personal Relations with God and are not guided by revelations from God. That's why God doesn't need such Christians, God needs Christ, believers who live by God, and not only bear His name and Confessing a dead letter. -10- "So whoever is in Christ is a new creature; the old has passed, now everything New." 2-Cor.5:17 Christ is a new creation in Christ Jesus, believers who Are hidden in Him and are His body. To a new creation in Christ Everything old, temporary, earthly is alien to Jesus.

Everything in their lives now New not earthly, but heavenly. Christ's are the risen with Christ, Celestials planted in Christ Jesus in heaven. And we see this From the words of the Apostle Paul recorded in the Epistle to the Ephesians.

"And he resurrected with him, and planted in heaven in Christ Jesus, so that To show in the coming ages the abundant wealth of His grace in Goodness to us in Christ Jesus." Eph.2:6-7 If we are Christ's, then by faith we are already at the level of our spirit In heaven. And that's why our faith and our confession should Is not built on earthly time principles, but only on the level of Heavenly eternal promises of God. The body of Jesus Christ cannot Is in earthly realities, and the head of the body is in heavenly ones, since the head Of the body and His body are one whole.

Now let's see what Apostle Paul speaks about the body of the Church, which at the same time Is also the body of Jesus Christ. -11- "For as in one body we have many members, but not all members have one and The same thing, so we, many, make up one body in Christ, and Separately for each other members.

And how, according to the grace given to us, We have different gifts, so do you have a prophecy, Prophecy according to the measure of faith; if you have a service, stay in Ministry: whether a teacher, - in teaching; if an admonition, admonish; Or a giver, distribute in simplicity; or a boss, be in charge of Diligence; be a

benefactor, do good with hospitality." Rom.12:3-8 Both in our body and in the body of Jesus Christ, all members

Bodies are one whole and each member of the body fulfills its Purpose in the body. And when believers say they don't have any What vocation to serve God, they automatically remain outside Bodies. Therefore, it is very important to find your vocation in the body of the Church, to enter Into it and perform. This is our reward.

And if similar We buried our talent for a lazy slave, we may be fate Lazy slave. -12- On the other hand, each of us should understand that only by The measure of the gift of Christ in us, we need to fulfill the will of God in Our service to God. Who is given a lot, he will be asked in According to what he received from God. In the parables of Jesus Christ about Talents and mines given to slaves, you can see that everyone should Was to make a profit according to how much he got Talents. If the one who received five talents brought four or three Talent, he did not fulfill the will of God in his vocation from God.

Although he brought more talents than the one who received two talents, but that Fulfilled the will of God by bringing two other talents. Let's Look at another very extensive passage of Scripture in relation to Bodies of the church. "The body is not from that member, but from many. If the leg says: I don't

I belong to the body, because I don't have hands, is it really because it's not Belongs to the body... But God arranged the members, each in the composition Of the body, as He pleased. If everyone had one dick, where would it be Body? But now there are a lot of dicks, but only one body.

The eye can't tell Hand: I don't need you; or also the head of the legs: I don't need you. On the contrary, the members of the body, which seem to be the weakest, are much more necessary, Which seem to us less noble in the body, about those more -13- We attach care; and our non-benevolent ones are more favorable Are covered, and our good ones don't need it. But God Proportioned the body, instilling more care of the less perfect, So that there is no division in the body, and all members care equally About each other. Therefore, if one member suffers, everyone suffers with it Members; if one member is famous, all members rejoice with him.

And you are the body Christ, and separately - members." 1-Cor.12:14-15;18-27 Apostle Paul was given extraordinary revelations from God. And for So that he would not be exalted by this, God sent him a sting in the flesh, Satan's angel to depress him. Apostle Peter is very respectful of Came to Paul because of his special closeness to God. And it's possible See in his message to the church where he says such words.

"And consider the long-suffering of our Lord as salvation, as well as

Our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote To you, as he says about it and in all messages in which there is something It is inconclusive that ignorant and not approved, to Of their own destruction, they transform, like other Scriptures." 2-Pet.3:15-16 In his letters to the churches, Apostle Paul mainly Reveals the spiritual side in our service to God. And because of that Was often subjected to strong criticism from the ignorant and not Confirmed in the faith of believers. For such people it was something Inconvenient to understand.

And it's not surprising, without personal Relations with God it is impossible to accommodate the wisdom of God, Which is revealed only by the Holy Spirit living in us. According to this Reason and in our time on the part of such believers, meets Strong opposition to what comes from the Holy Spirit. What we are talking about Now we will reason in due time was given to Paul by the Spirit Saints. It's a solid spiritual food and as Apostle Paul himself says Peculiar only to perfect people, whose senses are taught by skill To distinguish between good and evil.

I'll try to do it with God's help Analysis of Paul's teaching about the body of the Church, which is the body of Jesus Christ. So, let's get down to this difficult task. -14-

At the beginning, the Apostle Paul speaks of the body as not consisting of Of one member, but of many. For this reason, there are no significant Members of the body, but each of its members fulfills its purpose in Body. God arranged the members in the body as it was to Him Anything. When we attach special importance to a more significant in Our eyes to the members of the body, at this time we no longer see ourselves in the body Jesus Christ.

That's why Pavel says that if everyone were one Dick, so where would the body be? But now there are a lot of dicks, but only one body. In our eyes, believers are used by God in a special way, Look like the most important in the body of the Church. And all the other believers Which are not very noticeable and not involved in something big, for We can be insignificant in the body of the Church.

Apostle Paul Held a different opinion and said: "On the contrary, members of the body, Which seem to be the weakest, much more necessary." -15- Let's look at it on the example of our physical body. In Our body can be fingernails and toenails with such dicks, Protecting our fingers from various bruises. The same role Perform the cartilages and joints of our fingers. And the palm itself Has a need for this in order to fulfill her intended Tasks in the body.

In the body of Jesus Christ, this task is entrusted to

Service of soers. One of which was the Apostle Paul and about He himself once said: "I planted...". Let's now more Let's talk in detail about the importance of sowers in the body of the Church. I'll start with A lesson given to me by God regarding my personal ministry As a soader.

Once the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, you are a sower. Oh Then explained it with several real-life examples. The first thing that I Heard about the sower is that the sower takes grain from the barn, and then Soves it in this or that field. Continuing the dialogue with me, Spirit The saint said the following: "Because you won't see The result of your sowing, it will disappoint you.

Therefore So that your ministry inspires you, I sometimes let you see The fruits of your service, and occasionally eat the fruits of your sown." A successful harvest primarily depends on the sower, because if If there was no sowing, there would be no harvest. But strangely enough, in No one remembers the sower during the harvest, they only talk about Those who have already harvested the ripe harvest. -16- And now let's look at the ministry of the sower in the body of the Church. Before All these are petitioners, according to whose prayers God performs His great Business. The hodatai have always stood at the origins of great awakenings.

And for

People whom God used in these awakenings, prayed Petitioners in their secret rooms. We know your names Only God's anointed ones through whom God showed His glory. In addition to petitioners, there are also sowers involved in God and others Services. But in order not to make it difficult for you, I won't touch today Of this.

Few of us know about demonic attacks Soers are exposed. The devil tries with all his might to prevent The sower to the sowing, so as not to allow the ripening of God's harvest. I I want to show it on the example of Apostle Paul, the greatest sower In God's house building. -17- "Are They Jews? And me.

Abraham's seed? And me. Ministers of Christ? In I say madly: I'm more.

I'm much more in work, immensely in Wounds, more in prisons and many times at death. From the Jews five times I was given forty blows without one; three times I was beaten with sticks, Once I was stoned, I was shipwrecked three times, night And the day was in the depths of the sea; many times I was traveling, in Dangers on the rivers, in dangers from robbers, in dangers in City, in dangers in the desert, in dangers at sea, in dangers Between false brothers. In work, in exhaustion, often in vigil, in hunger and

Thirst, often in fasting, in the cost and in nakedness. Except for strangers Adventures, I have a crowd of people, taking care of all the churches. Who Exhausted, no matter who I'm inflaming for"? 2-Cor.11:22-29 On the example of Pavel, we see that in addition to the demonic, Human and religious confrontation, there are a lot of sowers Are in fasts and prayers, as they are involved by God in Different kinds of sowing and need support from God and guidance Holy Spirit.

Sowers are also various kinds of trustees, Sowing the good seeds of faith in the hearts of the weak in faith. Let's do it now Let's go back to the Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians and continue Our reasoning on this topic. -18- Apostle Paul says that the unfavourable members of our body Are covered in a good way, and the good ones don't need it. But God proportioned the body, instilling more about the less perfect Care. And all this for one purpose only, so that there would be no separation In the body, and all the members of the body equally took care of each other.

Therefore When one member of the body suffers, all members of the body suffer with it. And if One member of the body is famous, all members of the body rejoice with it. Like our The physical body and the body of the Church are built on the same Principles. For example, if we accidentally cut our finger, the pain here

It spreads to the whole body. At this time, our body instantly Reacts and does everything to help the finger get rid of Pain. And this is what is said about it in the Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. "Bear each other's burdens, and thus fulfill the law Christ." Gal.6:2 The law of Christ directly refers to the service in the body of the Church.

And this Care and care of each member of the body of Christ for other members of the body. We can serve each other in prayer agreement, as it is said, That if two or three agree to pray for any need, it will be What they ask of God. This includes charity, Soul guardianship and much more. We all have some kind of A gift from God and are called to serve each other. -19- "Serve each other, each with the gift you received,

as good Builders of God's grace." 1-Pet.4:10 Our service in the body of the Church is governed by Jesus Christ as the head Body, encouraging us to certain actions.

"Because God produces in you desires and actions according to His Favor. Phil.2:13

As members of a single spiritual organism, we cannot be Are indifferent to other members of the body. Any need Of one of the members of the body of Christ immediately reflects on all members of the body. And this is what is said about it in the Epistle to the Romans. "Rejoice with those who rejoice and cry with those who cry." Rom.12:15 If it doesn't happen in us and we are focused only on ourselves and on What worries you and me the most, we need to think about Whether we are in the Body of Jesus Christ.

In order to perform Intended for us by God, it is also necessary to know your place in Body of the Church. And this is stated in the letter of the Apostle Paul to Ephesians. -20- "From which the whole body, made up and copulated by means of All mutually binding connections, when acting to their own extent Of each member, receives an increment for the creation of itself in Love." Eph.4:16 Let's first consider what the Apostle Paul said on The example of our physical body. In our physical body it is mutual The bonding ligaments are the joints and cartilages of our body, about What we've been talking about for a while. That's exactly what they are The unsavorable members of our body that he said about

Apostle Paul in the first letter to the Corinthians. Pavel says that They are visibly covered. That is, unfavorable members, Bring visible good to our body, but they are hidden in our body. In comparison with the benevolent, visible members of our body, these The members of our body look not very significant.

For example, in the palm of your hand Our fingers are the most important members of the body. But if inside Fingers there were no joints and cartilage connecting individual parts Fingers, they would not be able to fully perform their task in the body. All mutually bonding bonds work on this principle as in Both physically and spiritually. Their main goal is Connecting each member of the body to each other to keep each other Friend and grow together into the full age of Christ.

Let's do it now We'll relax a little and try in our free time Figured out all this, to one degree or another applying both in Of your life, and in your ministry in accordance with our Vocation in the body of the Church. -21- I want to go back to the reasoning about God House building, talk about the Church of Jesus Christ as a house God's.

"I'm writing this to you, hoping to come to you soon, so that if I slow down, you Knew what to do in the house of God, which is the Church The living God, the pillar and the affirmation of the truth." 1-Tim.3:14-15 Addressing Timothy, one of his faithful employees, the Apostle Paul calls him to responsibility and prudence in the entrusted God's service to him. Timofey was one in Apostle Paul's team Of the leaders among the servants of this team. Apostle Paul saw in Timothy is a minister who does not just fulfill what is entrusted to him by God Service, but who devoted himself entirely to the service of God. And this Can be seen from the description that the Apostle Paul gives to Timothy.

"I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too, Having learned about your circumstances, I was comforted in spirit. Because I don't have anyone Equal to a diligent person who would take care of you so sincerely, because everything Are looking for their own, not what pleases Jesus

Christ. And his loyalty to you is known because he, as a son of his father, served me in the gospel." Phil.2:19-22 Apostle Paul highly appreciated the initiation and loyalty of Timothy in the service entrusted to him by God. Timothy was called by God to Ministry when I was still a young man.

Despite his young age Timothy was one of the bishops in the Apostle Paul team. Apostle

Paul instructed Timothy to put the pastor in the service and disassemble in Churches of all kinds of conflicts. Apostle Paul trusted in everything Timothy was sure that he would never let him down. But also at the same time, he constantly taught Timothy how to act in the house of God, in which only the truth of God should be affirmed. In turn, Timothy tried to imitate his teacher as he imitated Jesus Christ. -23- "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, because it is my necessary duty, and woe to me, if I do not preach the gospel!

For if I do it voluntarily, I will have a reward; and if not voluntarily, then I perform only the service entrusted to me. For what do I need reward? And the fact that while preaching the Gospel, I preach the gospel of Christ free of main, without using my power in the gospel. And being free from everyone, I enslaved myself to get more: For the Jews I was like a Jew to acquire the Jews; for subordinates I was like a subordinate to acquire subordinates; For those alien to the law - as alien to the law, - not being alien to the law before God, but under the law of Christ, to gain aliens to the law; for the weak were as weak, to acquire the weak.

For everyone, I got everything to save at least some. It's the same

I do for the Gospel to be an accomplice to it. Don't you know that all the runners on the list run, but one gets a reward? So run, to get. All ascetics abstained from everything: those for getting a crown of perishable, and we are incorruptible.

And that's why I don't run like on the wrong, I don't fight in such a way as to beat the air; but I subdue and I enslave my body, so that while preaching to others, I may not remain unworthy." 1-Cor.9:16-27 I will not analyze what Apostle Paul said, because it will take a lot of time. Let it be yours once again. Homework. I'll just say one thing, what the Apostle is talking about Paul refers not only to ministers, but also to all members of the body of Christ's. All of us with you in accordance with our vocation in the body of Churches and as we have the gift of Christ, must adhere to what said by the Apostle Paul in this biblical text.

In the characteristics of this Timothy, the Apostle Paul touched on others their employees, pointing to the negative side in their ministry. He said that everything, referring to those who were with him in one command, serve your own, not whatever Jesus wants. I would also like to talk to you about this as well. -24-

In serving God, we can be more focused on what is closer to us than to God. Or put in the first place not God's plans, but your personal, while looking for some benefit for yourself. It can manifest itself in different ways. For example, to do everything so that our ministry became advanced and more successful.

At the same time takes care of its importance, taking glory from people and not from God. Once Jesus Christ rebanded religious leaders adhering to such rules in their ministry. -25- "How can you believe

when you accept glory from each other, and Glory, which you do not seek from one God." In.5:44 Many employees of the Apostle Paul's team being more Focused on their own, not on God's, at different times and on different For reasons left their ministry. During the persecution of the church For the sake of their well-being, they went aside, did not want to enter into Spiritual swearing. And I would like to show it to you on several Examples recorded in the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

"So I conjure you before God and our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will judge the living and the dead in His appearance and His Kingdom: Preach the word, insist in the tribe and not in time, rebuke, forbid, Exhush with all patience and edification. Because there will be time,

When they will not accept sound doctrine, but according to their whims they will Choose teachers who would flatter their ears and turn to Fables. But you be vigilant in everything, endure sorrows, do things Of the evangelist, performing your ministry. Because I'm already becoming Sacrifice, and the time of my depassion has come." 2-Tim.4:1-6 And again we see how the Apostle Paul gives instruction to Timothy. But This time the instruction has a completely different meaning than the instruction Recorded in the message to the Filipinos.

If in the first case By instructing Timothy, Paul helped him grow in his ministry. That in In this case, instructing Timothy, Apostle Paul already transmits Timothy his service and told him about his imminent departure to To God. Paul also shared with Timothy the revelation from the Spirit Saint about what Timothy should go through in the near future Future. -26- Instructing Timothy, the Apostle Paul urges him not to To be cowardly and to use the powers of power in the entrusted to him God's service. Prevent the spread in the church False teachings to please human desires and not to allow any kind of Lawlessness to penetrate the Church.

Unfortunately, everything is about what Paul spoke to Timothy and today has a place in the congregation of saints.

Many Pastors of Churches build their sermons so that no one To seduce and not to offend, pleasing people, not God. In their Sermons try not to touch sin and more to preach about Love, prosperity and success. All this prevents the manifestation of In the church is the power of the Holy Spirit and many churches become spiritual Dead. At one time, Apostle Paul did not allow to take root in Churches all this.

And we see this from what he said in the message to Galatians. "Am I now seeking favor in people, or in God? Whether to please people Trying? If I still pleased people today, I wouldn't be a slave Christ." Gal.1:10 Let's continue our discussion about the last instruction Given to Timothy the Apostle Paul. -27- "Try to come to me soon.

For Dimas left me, having loved The present century, and went to Thessalonica, Crisket to Galatia, Titus to Dolmatia; Luke alone is with me... Alexander Mednik has done a lot to me Evil. May the Lord reward him according to his works! Beware of him and you, because he Strongly opposed our words.

At my first answer, no one Was with me, but everyone left me. Let's not take it to them"! 2-Tim.4:9-10;14;

From what was said in this biblical text, we see how much Paul Needs Timofey. He's rushing him to come to him as soon as possible And he has serious reasons for that. All employees who Were always next to

Pavel, one by one poisoning on that For reasons began to leave him. And as I said before, these people In everything they sought benefit not for the Lord, but only for themselves.

They weren't Like Timothy, they are fully dedicated to the service of God. And even those Not many who still stayed with Paul, at the time of the demonic Confrontation, everyone left him, because they were not ready to become in Break for God's work. -28- God's house building has nothing to do with human A component that manifests itself in us at the level of the flesh. God has with We are only at the level of our spirit. And that's why it's said, we are We live by the spirit, then we should act according to the spirit.

For the flesh desires Contrary to the spirit, and the spirit contrary to the flesh. In order to enter by The spirit needs to change the previous way of thinking of our old Person. And this is said in the epistle to the Ephesians. "But you did not know Christ in this way: because you heard about Him and in Him Learned, since the truth is in Jesus, to postpone the former image The life of an old man, withering in seductive lusts,

To be renewed by the Spirit of your mind and to put on a New Man, Created according to God, in the righteousness and holiness of truth." Eph.4:20-24 You can live and act according to the spirit only by putting aside our The old way of life of an old man. That's why it is said that He who lives according to the flesh cannot please God. Only after we Let's do it, we can update our way of thinking at the level of our Spirit. And when our renewed mind will already be looking for the heavenly and To think about the heavenly, we will put on a new man created by To God, in righteousness, holiness and truth.

In turn, Apostle Peter Shows what we need to do to bring God Spiritual sacrifices. "Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected by men, but God's chosen one, precious, and yourselves as living stones, arrange From itself a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to bring spiritual Sacrifices favorable to God by Jesus Christ." 1-Pet.2:4-5 At the time when we come to this, we will be able to occupy The place intended for us by God in God's housekeeping and Let's be pleasing to God for every good deed. -29- "So you are no longer strangers and not aliens, but fellow citizens of the saints and your own To God, having been confirmed on the basis of the Apostles and prophets, having

Jesus Christ himself is the cornerstone on which the whole building, Being slender, it grows into a holy temple in the Lord, on which you You are settled in the dwelling of God by the Spirit." Eph.2:19-22