

# **CLM or CLM Pt.1**

## **A Desolated House**

### **Church Life Matters or Christ Life Matters**

Or Both

### **WE HAVE COME**

to a time when the word CHURCH is used interchangeably with CHRIST to make a point.

to a time when one may conclude that salvation comes through the church

to a time when the church may be identified more as a building rather than the members of His Body

### **Questions for consideration**

What Is the Church?

What is the purpose of the Church?

Who Is Christ?

Is the Church the Sanctuary?

What is meant by your house is left unto you desolate?

What is the church built on?

### **What is the Church?**

#### **Matt 18:15-17**

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear [thee, then] take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell [it] unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.

### **Acts 2:46-47**

And they, continuing daily with **one accord in the temple**, and breaking bread from **house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the **Lord added to the church** daily such as should be saved.

### **Colossians 1:24**

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh **for his body's sake, which is the church**:

### **1 Corinthians 1:2**

Unto the **church of God** which is at Corinth, **to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus**, called [to be] saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

## **What is the Church? – Strong's Concordance**

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## **Gatherings...**

A gathering of wolves is called a Pack

A gathering of birds is called a Flock

A gathering of Lions is called a Pride

A gathering of people or Christians for religious purposes is called a Church

## **What is the Church?**

The (true) Church is any gathering, congregating or meeting of persons or people for the purpose of worship to God (ultimately) and brotherly fellowship.

## **What is the purpose of the Church?**

### **Acts 14:27**

And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had **opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles**.

### **Ephesians 5:22-32**

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the head of the church**: and he is the saviour of the body. **Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ**, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ also loved the church**, and gave himself for it; **he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning **Christ and the church**.

### **1 Timothy 3:15**

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest **to behave thyself in the house of God**, which is the **church of the living God**, the **pillar and ground of the truth**.

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### **Quote from - Acts of the Apostle**

**The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men.** It was organized for service, and its mission is **to carry the gospel to the world**. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency. **The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory.** The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to "the principalities and powers in heavenly places," the final and full display of the love of God. Ephesians 3:10. {AA 9.1}

•....**God chose Israel to reveal His character to men.** He desired them to be as **wells of salvation in the world.** To them were **committed the oracles of heaven**, the revelation of God's will. In the early days of Israel the nations of the world, through corrupt practices, had lost the knowledge of God. They had once known Him; but because "they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, . . . their foolish heart was darkened." Romans 1:21. Yet in His mercy God did not blot them out of existence. He purposed to give them **an opportunity of again becoming acquainted with Him through His chosen people.** {AA 14.1}

The purpose of the church is to spread the gospel of the love of God and His soon return to the inhabitants of the world, thus offering salvation through Jesus Christ.

## Who Is Christ?

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### Matthew 6:15-17

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He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, **the Son of the living God**. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed [it] unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

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### John 20:30-31

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And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name**.

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### 1 John 5:20

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And we know that the **Son of God** is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in **his Son Jesus Christ**. This is the **true God**, and eternal life.

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**The Only Begotten Son of The Living God**  
**The One by or through Whom we are saved**  
**The Expressed Image of The Father**  
**The Word of God**  
**The TRUTH**

# Is the Church the Sanctuary?

Sanctuary

•**Greek 2411.** hieron *hee-er-on'* neuter of 2413; **a sacred place**, i.e. the entire precincts (whereas 3485 denotes the central sanctuary itself) of the Temple (at Jerusalem or elsewhere):  
— **temple**.

•**Hebrew 4720** *miqdash mik-dawsh'* or *miqqdash* (Exod. 15:17) {*mik-ked-awsh'*}; from [6942](#); **a consecrated thing or place**, especially, a palace, sanctuary (whether of Jehovah or of idols) or asylum:--chapel, **hallowed part**, holy place, sanctuary.

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a church can have a sanctuary

Israel encampment = Church  
Gods Dwelling place = the Sanctuary in the midst

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The Church is not location or building specific. To go to church is to go to meet, gather, assemble or congregate for the purpose of worship to God  
a church can have a sanctuary

Israel encampment = Church  
Gods Dwelling place = the Sanctuary in the midst

To be put out of the church or synagogue is to put out of the meeting, congregation, gathering or assembly. But one can still have sanctuary

***Note: God desires to not just dwell among us but dwell in us and we in Him.***

## **FACT - One of these days....**

They will put you out of the church

It will be against the law of the State to gather for worship

The state will shut down the church – but the sanctuary will remain

## **Note: That's Why**

God desires to not just dwell among us but dwell in us and we in Him.

## **No one can take that away**

## **The Bigger Picture**

### **DWELLING – Sanctuary - Temple**

#### **Exodus 25:8**

And let them make me a **sanctuary**; that I may **dwell** among them.

#### **Matthew 18:19-20**

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where **two or three are gathered together** in my name, **there am I in the midst of them**.

#### **1 Corinthians 3:16**

Know ye not that ye are the **temple of God**, and [that] the **Spirit of God dwelleth in you**? If any man **defile the temple of God**, him **shall God destroy**; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are.

## **The Deeper Meaning**

### **DWELLING – Sanctuary - Temple**

#### **1 Corinthians 6:15-20**

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make [them] the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Whereas the church is a gathering, the sanctuary or temple is a place. We can have church anywhere but the sanctuary or temple is a specific place or location or housing.

We can gather (have church) to preach and teach truth or error (true church vs false church)

## **What is meant by your house is left unto you desolate?**

**Quote from - Desire of Ages**

It was the last day of Christ's teaching in the temple. Of the vast throngs that were gathered at Jerusalem, the attention of all had been attracted to Him; the people had crowded the temple courts, watching the contest that had been in progress, and they eagerly caught every word that fell from His lips. Never before had such a scene been witnessed.

There stood the young Galilean, bearing no earthly honor or royal badge. Surrounding Him were priests in their rich apparel, rulers with robes and badges significant of their exalted station, and scribes with scrolls in their hands, to which they made frequent reference. Jesus stood calmly before them, with the dignity of a king.

As one invested with the authority of heaven, He looked unflinchingly upon His adversaries, who had rejected and despised His teachings, and who thirsted for His life. They had assailed Him in great numbers, but their schemes to ensnare and condemn Him had been in vain. Challenge after challenge He had met, presenting the pure, bright truth in contrast to the darkness and errors of the priests and Pharisees.

He had set before these leaders their real condition, and the retribution sure to follow persistence in their evil deeds. The warning had been faithfully given. Yet another work remained for Christ to do. Another purpose was still to be accomplished.

The interest of the people in Christ and His work had steadily increased. They were charmed with His teaching, but they were also greatly perplexed. They had respected the priests and rabbis for their intelligence and apparent piety. In all religious matters they had ever yielded implicit obedience to their authority.

Yet they now saw these men trying to cast discredit upon Jesus, a teacher whose virtue and knowledge shone forth the brighter from every assault. They looked upon the lowering countenances of the priests and elders, and there saw discomfiture and confusion. They marveled that the rulers would not believe on Jesus, when His teachings were so plain and simple. They themselves knew not what course to take. With eager anxiety they watched the movements of those whose counsel they had always followed.

In the parables which Christ had spoken, it was His purpose both to warn the rulers and to instruct the people who were willing to be taught. But there was need to speak yet more plainly. Through their reverence for tradition and their blind faith in a corrupt priesthood, the people were enslaved. These chains Christ must break. **The character of the priests, rulers, and Pharisees must be more fully exposed.** {DA 611.1}

## WHO AM I ? – SELF CHECK

- SCRIBE
- PHARISEE
- HYPOCRITE

JESUS HAD MAJOR ISSUES WITH SUCH AND OFTEN CONFRONTED THEM

### **Scribe - H5608, G1122**

A clerk, scribe, esp. a public servant, secretary, recorder, whose office and influence differed in different states

In the Bible, a man learned in the Mosaic law and in the sacred writings, an interpreter, teacher.

A religious teacher: so instructed that from his learning and ability to teach advantage may redound to the kingdom of heaven

### **Pharisee – G5330**

A sect that seems to have started after the Jewish exile. In addition to OT books the Pharisees recognised in oral tradition a standard of belief and life. They sought for distinction and praise by outward observance of external rites and by outward forms of piety, and such as ceremonial washings, fastings, prayers, and alms giving; and, comparatively negligent of genuine piety, they prided themselves on their fancied good works. They were bitter enemies of Jesus and his cause; and were in turn severely rebuked by him for their avarice, ambition, hollow reliance on outward works, and affection of piety in order to gain popularity.

### **Hypocrite – G5273**

An actor, stage player

A dissembler (to disguise one's true belief or feelings), pretender

## **Prerequisites of a Desolated House**

### **Matthew 23:1-10**

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.

9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.



13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

**Matthew 23: 28-39**

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers.

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**Matthew 24:1,2**

And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**

## **SAD Reality - A Desolated House?**

**Desolate - G2048**

**Solitary, lonely, desolate, uninhabited**

A desert, wilderness, deserted places, lonely regions

Deprived of the aid and protection of others, especially of friends, acquaintances, kindred - of a flock deserted by the shepherd - of a woman neglected by her husband, from whom the husband withholds himself

***You and I May be there But God IS NOT - Note Jesus says  
YOUR HOUSE not MY HOUSE***

House - G3624

Any building whatever of a palace

The house of God, the tabernacle

Any dwelling place

The inmates of a house, all the persons forming one family, a household

The family of God, of the Christian Church, of the church of the Old and Stock, family, descendants of one

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## **WARNING: What Matters? YOU DESIDE**

Christ Life or Church Life

If Christ is in the church and the church in Christ then the church has Life

If Christ is not in the church then the church cannot be in Christ and the church therefore is a false church and a false church is a hypocritical church and a **woe** is pronounced on such a church

### **Quote from - SDA Bible Commentary**

•**Matt 37-39** (Luke 13:34, 35; 19:42). **Loading the Clouds of Vengeance.**-- Christ's heart had said "How can I give thee up?" He had dealt with Israel as a loving, forgiving father would deal with an ungrateful, wayward child. With the eye of Omniscience He saw that the city of Jerusalem had decided her own destiny. For centuries there had been a turning away from God. Grace had been resisted, privileges abused, opportunities slighted. The people themselves had been loading the cloud of vengeance which unmingled with mercy was about to burst upon them. With choked, half-broken utterance, Christ exclaimed, "O that thou hadst known, even thou in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace; but now they are hid from thine eyes." The irrevocable sentence was pronounced (MS 30, 1890). {5BC 1098.6}

•**Matt 24:2** (Luke 19:44). **Angels Did Work of Destruction.**--Men will continue to erect expensive buildings, costing millions of money; special attention will be called to their architectural beauty, and the firmness and solidity with which they are constructed; but the Lord has instructed me that despite the unusual firmness and expensive display, these buildings will share the fate of the temple in Jerusalem. That magnificent structure fell. Angels of God were sent to do the work of destruction, so that one stone was not left upon another that was not thrown down (MS 35, 1906). {5BC 1098.7}

## A Desolated House?

Our prestige is not in buildings, rather it is in **Faith Truth Hope** and the **Love of God through Christ Jesus**. If the building does not or will not house the attributes of Christ then God **cannot** dwell there.

When we come to the place where worship to the One True God is heard seen and experienced we **MUST** leave filled with Humility, Power and Light to proclaim Christ to ALL.

## What must the church be built on?

### Luke 6:46-49

And **why** call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

### 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

### Ephesians 2:19-22

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone]; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

### **ACTS 4:10-12**

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

## **DECLARATION**

**For Church Life to Matter Christ Life must Matter**

**THE NEW NORMAL**

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**GREATER ABOMINATIONS THAN THESE**