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Two More – The Church Is:

**1. God's TEMPLE**

(Ephesians 2:19-22, 2 Chronicles 6:40, 1 Peter 2:5,  
1 Corinthians 3:16-17)



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Eph. 2:19-22

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”



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2 Chron. 6:40

“Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place.”



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1 Peter 2:5

“you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”



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1 Corinthians 3:16,17

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are”



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“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” KJV



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1 Cor. 7:23

“You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men”

2 Peter 2:1

“even denying the Lord who bought them...”



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1 Cor. 6:20

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's”



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Acts 17:19-20

“May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?  
20 For you are bringing some strange things to our ears.  
Therefore we want to know what these things mean.”



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1 Peter 4:3

“...we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.”

