

# MESSAGE

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Theme : Being Made Perfect, Stablished, Strengthened, Settled  
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TITLE : THE EDIFYING OF THE CHURCH  
Text/s :

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16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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Bible Reading :

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17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;  
 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;  
 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.  
 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.  
 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:  
 27 Neither give place to the devil.  
 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.  
 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.  
 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.  
 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:  
 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.  
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Song/s :

- To God Be the Glory
- The Solid Rock
- He Keeps Me Singing

Other references :

Instructions :

## INTRODUCTION

We come together today into this Ministries Conference, a day before the celebration of Tatay Ben Abante's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Tomorrow, he would have been 91 years old on earth. And our conference is actually in celebration of the life and ministry of Tatay Abante.

Next year, 2022, I would be entering my 23<sup>rd</sup> year as Senior Pastor of Lighthouse BBC. Tatay spent 23 years as our Pastor, from 1976 to 1999. But of course, I would also be entering my 27<sup>th</sup> year in the pastorate; 49 years in the ministry, having dedicated my life to the Lord at the age of 14. But since I became very active in the ministry of music at the age of 10, I would have a total of 53 years of involvement! And being saved at the age of 7, my life in Christ totals 56 years! So I have been in the Ekklesia for 56 years now. I should now have a good understanding of what an Ekklesia is!

But what are years? Madaming tao ang may taon, dekada sa church, but are never edified. They never know the meaning of the term. Ang ipinagmamalaki lang nila, edad, taon, etc.

I have been pastor to you through many challenges of our history as a church...

- Tatay's death
- The construction and finish of our building here in Tatalon, the first of a multi-million peso church building among our Bible Baptist churches in the Philippines, and that, with no outside raising of funds or external help.
- The changes of our conferences from Mission Conference to GCC, Ministries Conferences. Madaming negative comments sa atin nung ginawa natin yan.
- The acquisition of the "electronic tools" into our facilities from a High Definition 6,000 lumens Eiki8 projector to a big LED screen...

- The BBFPI 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- The Gift-based ministries
- The MMFGF involvement
- The memorable 50<sup>th</sup> birthday attended by no less than the President and Vice President of the country (without the presence of my two older brothers) 😊
- The death of Nanay Abante, and that with all the national recognition
- The devastating Ondoy which became the beginning of our community involvement
- The ALLGHO event, the biggest single event of any church
- The presence of your Pastor in High Level Dialogues of the UN in Amsterdam, Barcelona and New York
- The first Bible Baptist church into Television and Media ministry
- The acquisition of the adjacent property, the Step of Faith
- The TGLFI, Blessing Lives Through Service with all the mercy engagement in many communities... the LEAP, GLASS, CWOP, LOCK, CARE, ALERT, Blood Letting, etc
- The establishment of the 7 areas of Ministry
- Our Lighthouse facilities being extended to importation of Bibles, wheelchairs, etc...
- And all the strivings we do under the Covid19 pandemic, among others Lighthouse WATCH, Lighthouse PROVE, Lighthouse PROTOCOL, CLC, ALAMIN, SALAMIN, etc.
- And how our related works build buildings as Cainta, Taguig, on their own
- And how we are the very moving influence in BGEA, FEBC, GFM, Friendship Buildings, God is Able, Brigade Philippines, BBFPI1953, BIBLEMODE
- And many more, it's mind-boggling!

The striving continues... towards edifying!

Are we liquid in so far as funds are concerned? We have the

- Exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ

Eph 2:7

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

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- Riches in glory in Christ

Phil 4:19

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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Eph 3:16

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

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- Riches of the full assurance of understanding

Col 2:2

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

KJV

- The unsearchable riches of Christ

Eph 3:8

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

KJV

- The riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God

Rom 11:33

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

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The words edify, edified, edifying and edification are exclusively, New Testament words and are only applied to churches.

Here is what we find out concerning these words:

Occurrences:

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17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

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➤ **Edify (3 times)**

Rom 14:19

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

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1 Cor 10:23-24

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

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1 Thess 5:11

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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➤ **Edifieth (3 times)**

1 Cor 8:1-3

1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2 And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

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1 Cor 14:4

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➤ **Edifying (8 times)**

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Eph 4:29

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1 Tim 1:3-4

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

KJV

➤ **Edification (4 times)**

Rom 15:2-3

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

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1 Cor 14:3-4

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

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2 Cor 10:8

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

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2 Cor 13:10-11

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

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## BODY

Some truths about the significance, use and application of the words

### ➤ Meaning

NT:3618

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<START GREEK>oi)kodomh/

<END GREEK> oikodome (oy-kod-om-ay'); feminine (abstract) of a compound of NT:3624 and the base of NT:1430; architecture, i.e. (concretely) a structure; figuratively, confirmation: KJV - building, edify (-ication, -ing).

NT:3620

<START GREEK>oi)kodomia/a

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Matt 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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The meaning of disciple/s

NT:3101

<START GREEK>maqthh/\$

<END GREEK> mathetes (math-ay-tes'); from NT:3129; a learner, i.e. pupil: KJV - disciple.

With such a meaning, there is therefore no difference between a pupil who goes to elementary school who graduates and forgets everything taught and none is built on Christ.

\*\*\* The last use of the word disciple...

Acts 21:16

16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

KJV

Acts 21:4

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

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Thereafter, the word is not used in all epistles of Paul, Peter or John, from Romans to Revelation.

**The word disciple or disciples vs church.**

Acts 20:15-17

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hastened, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

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Acts 20:29-30

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

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Therefore!

The command is not for us the simply make disciples. The command is for us to work to build the Ekklesia on Christ.

➤ **Edification is an exclusive property of the Ekklesia.**

**The use of the words edify, edifying and edification only applied to churches, Gentile churches especially...**

Churches in Judaea, Galilee, Samaria  
Thessalonica  
Corinth  
Ephesus  
Churches in Rome

It is interesting to note that when the Lord uttered the words...

Matt 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. KJV

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2 Cor 13:10 (being a letter to the church in Corinth)

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

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➤ **Pauline in nature**

- First use

Acts 9:26-31

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

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Paul refers to an authority to edify

2 Cor 10:8

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- Letter to Timothy

**Let's go back to some points about Ekklesiology... and see the difference between "church" and "churches"...**

**We are a Lighthouse family of churches...**

**About church...**

First mention

Matt 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church;** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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Acts 2:41-47

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 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,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church** daily such as should be saved.

KJV

Acts 8:1-4

1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a **great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem**; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

KJV

Acts 11:22-26

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of **the church which was in Jerusalem**: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

KJV

Acts 13:1

1 Now there were in **the church that was at Antioch** certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

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Last mention

Rev 3:14

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

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**About churches...**

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Acts 16:1-5

1 Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek:

2 Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.  
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1 Cor 14:33-34

33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.  
KJV

1 Cor 16:1

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

KJV

Gal 1:2

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

KJV

1 Cor 16:19

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

KJV

2 Cor 8:1

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

KJV

Gal 1:22

22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:

KJV

1 Thess 2:14

14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

KJV

2 Thess 1:4

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

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Rev 1:4

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

KJV

Rev 2:7

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

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Last mention

Rev 22:16

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.  
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➤ **The words are used with relation to words...**

- Confirm, confirming

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Acts 14:21-23

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

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Acts 15:40-41

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

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- Establish

2 Thess 2:16-17

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

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- Embolden, empowerd, strengthened, settled

1 Peter 5:10

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

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➤ **The New Testament, being written by the gifts of God as Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, is given, in finality, to the edification of the Ekklesia**

Eph 4:11-12

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- **The unity of all the members of the Ekklesia is instructed, so that in finality, the body may be edified in the love of Christ.**

Eph 4:13-16

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- **The use of gifts for the different ministries is for the edification of the Ekklesia**

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13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.

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The Ekklesia is the habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph 2:19-22

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

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Observe the term through the Spirit...

If the Ekklesia becomes a habitation (dwelling place) of God through (the instrumentality) of the Spirit, then we need to understand that it must be the Spirit the must be working so that the Ekklesia may be the dwelling place of God.

How does the Spirit work?

- 1) The Spirit works through the word of truth

1 John 2:27

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

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1 John 5:6

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

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Water and blood - these are the two elements that cleanses!

Eph 5:26-27

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 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.

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John 15:3-7

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

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1 John 1:7

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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1 Cor 6:9-11

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

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John 6:63

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

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1 Peter 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

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## 2) The Spirit bears fruit

Gal 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

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- 3) When the Spirit bears fruit, the church does what is good, right, true, whatever is acceptable to the Lord.

Eph 5:9-10

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

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Phil 1:11

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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Col 1:10-12

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

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➤ Used according to following virtuous words

○ **Love**

1 Cor 8:1-3

1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2 And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

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○ **Grace**

Eph 4:29

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

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○ **Unselfishness (Expediency, pleasure and profitability of others)**

Rom 14:19

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

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1 Cor 10:23-24

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

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1 Thess 5:11

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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Rom 15:2-3

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

KJV

- **Authority**

2 Cor 10:8

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

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2 Cor 13:10-11

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

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- **Ministry (the areas of ministry)**

1 Cor 14:3-4

3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

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1 Cor 14:12

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

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1 Cor 14:26

26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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## CONCLUSION