

BEST OF THE BEST

Booklet 22

Bible Digest

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The

Theme:

The Present **Christian Church.**

Feelings toward the organization of the Church
Fluctuate between love and hate,
Hate, because it is tainted by sin.
Love, because it is the Body of Christ.

Reality Check:

Noah's ark syndrome:

If it wouldn't be for the storm outside ...



The Present Christian Church.

***Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.***

(1) Ephesians 1: 2



***See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation.***

(2) Isaiah 28: 16



Jesus: ***"Who do you say that I am?"***

Peter: ***"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."***

Jesus: ***"On this rock I will build My church.***

And the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

(3) Matthew 16:15-18



***Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men,
but chosen by God and precious, 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.***

(4) 1 Peter 2: 4, 5



***But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, His own special people,
that you may proclaim the praises of Him
who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
who once were not a people but are now the people of God,
who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.***

(5) 1 Peter 2: 9, 10



For we are God's fellow workers.

You are God's field, you are God's building.

*According to the grace of God which was given to me,
as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation
and another builds on it.*

(6) 1 Corinthians 3: 9, 10



"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

***Therefore, as you go, make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe
all things that I have commanded you.***

And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

*(7) Matthew 28: 18-20**



"This, My body, is in behalf of you. Do this in memory of Me!"

*In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying,
"This, the cup, the New Testament, is means of My blood.*

Do this, whenever you may drink, in memory of Me."

***As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.***

(8) 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25, 26*



"Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ...

Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.

(9) John 20: 21-23



***Where two or three are gathered together in My name,
I am there in the midst of them.***

(10) Matthew 18: 20



For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Having gifts, differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering: He who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

(11) Romans 12: 4-8



***I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit.***

(12) John 15: 5



***If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

(13) John 8: 31, 32



All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

(14) 1 Corinthians 16: 20



PRAYER:

Now may the God of peace, who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will.

(15) Hebrews 13: 20, 21

