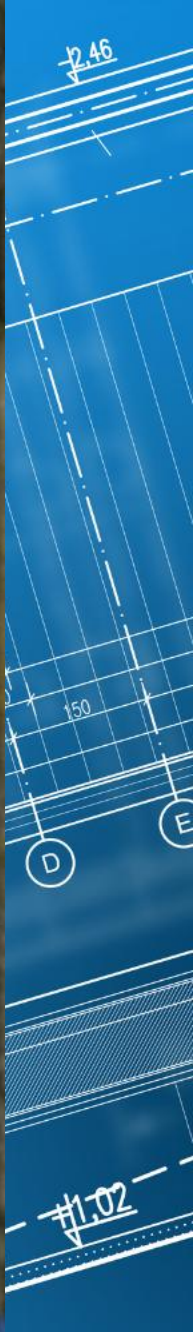




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# 1 PETER 2:4-7

YOU ARE COMING TO CHRIST, WHO IS THE LIVING CORNERSTONE OF GOD'S TEMPLE. HE WAS REJECTED BY PEOPLE, BUT HE WAS CHOSEN BY GOD FOR GREAT HONOR AND YOU ARE LIVING STONES THAT GOD IS BUILDING INTO HIS SPIRITUAL TEMPLE. WHAT'S MORE, YOU ARE HIS HOLY PRIESTS. THROUGH THE MEDIATION OF JESUS CHRIST, YOU OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES THAT PLEASE GOD.



# EPHESIANS 3:19-22

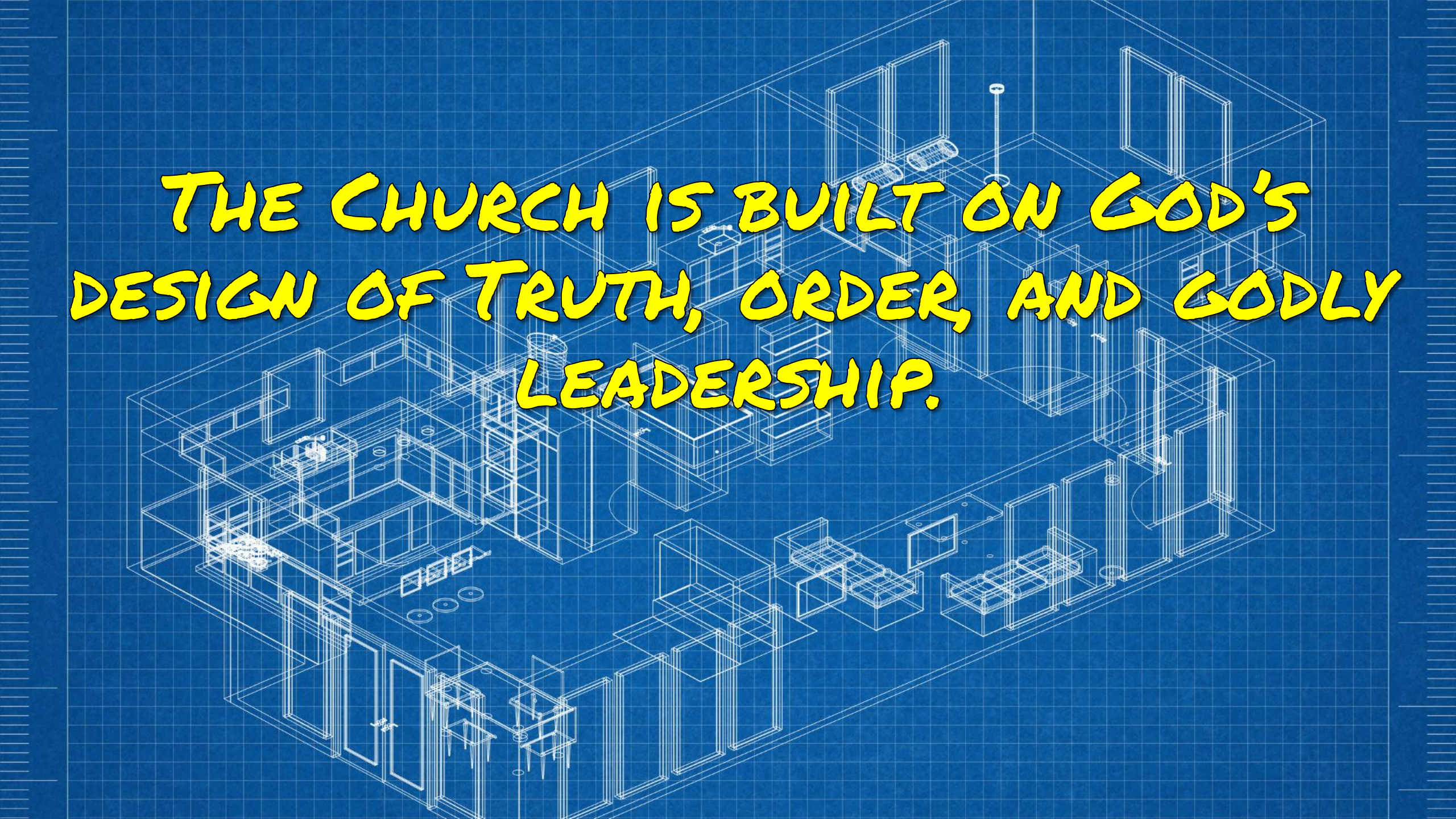
SO NOW YOU GENTILES ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS. YOU ARE CITIZENS ALONG WITH ALL OF GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE. YOU ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY. TOGETHER, WE ARE HIS HOUSE, BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND THE PROPHETS. AND THE CORNERSTONE IS CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF. WE ARE CAREFULLY JOINED TOGETHER IN HIM, BECOMING A HOLY TEMPLE FOR THE LORD. THROUGH HIM YOU GENTILES ARE ALSO BEING MADE PART OF THIS DWELLING WHERE GOD LIVES BY HIS SPIRIT.



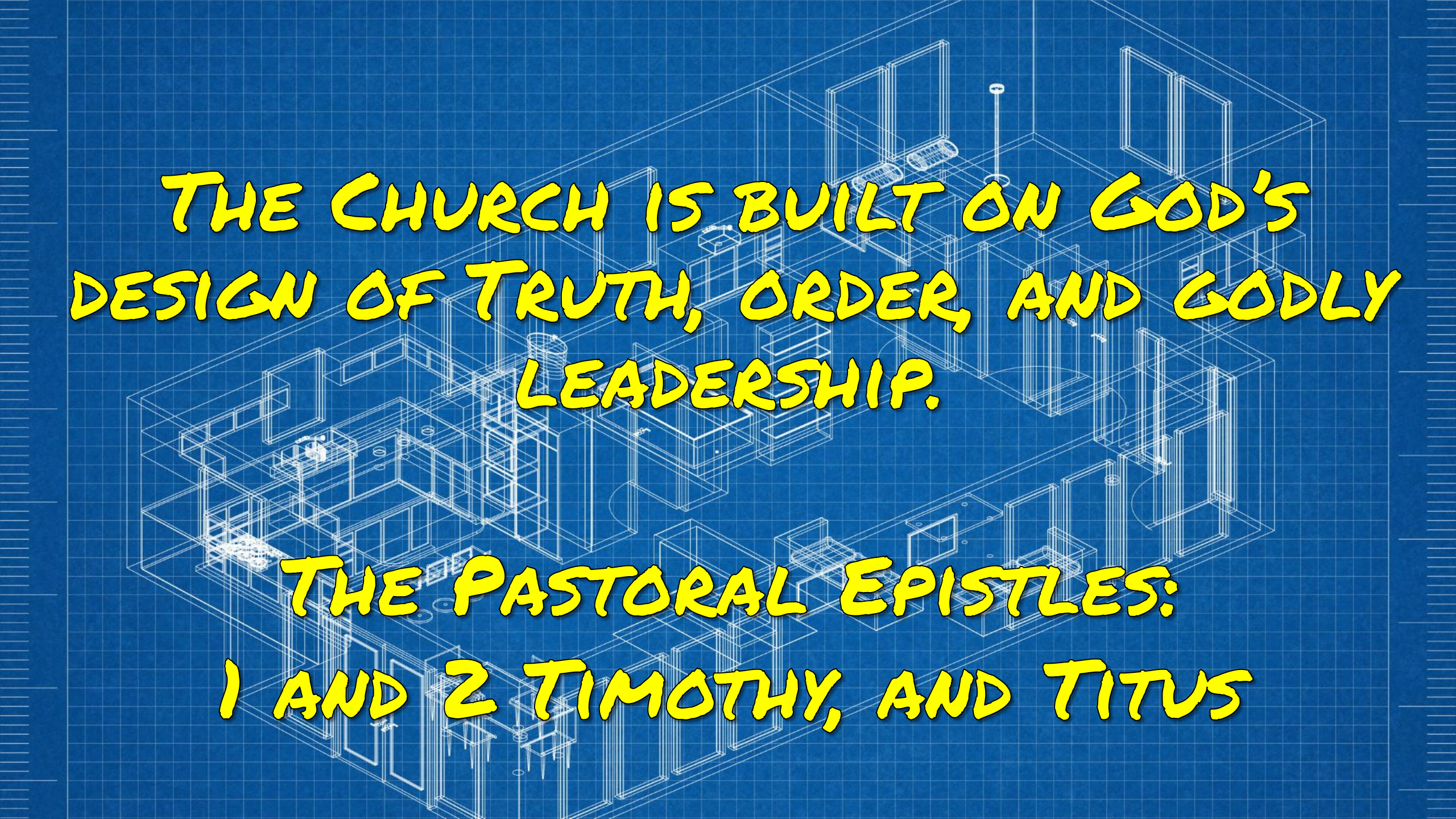
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**THE GOAL OF DOCTRINAL INSTRUCTION IN THE CHURCH IS NOT CORRECT CONTENT BUT RENEWED, LIBERATED, JOYFUL, FAITHFUL, AND LOVING PEOPLE.. EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON FAITHFUL COMMUNICATION OF THE TRUTH THAT THE CROSS-SHAPED LIFE OF LOVE AND MERCY THAT JESUS LIVED, CONTRARY TO ALL APPEARANCES AND COUNTER TO WORLDLY WISDOM, IS THE WAY OF GOD IN THE WORLD AND THE WAY TO FULLNESS OF LIFE.**

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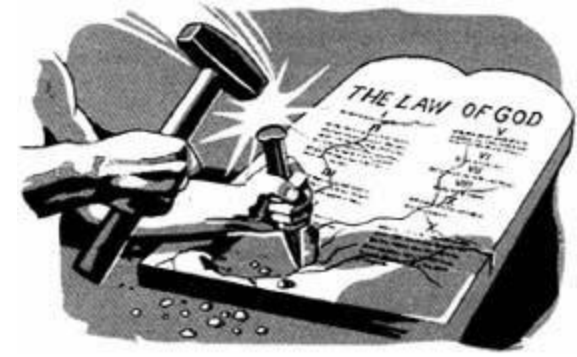
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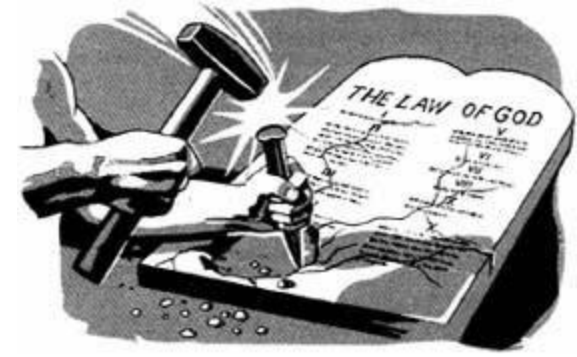


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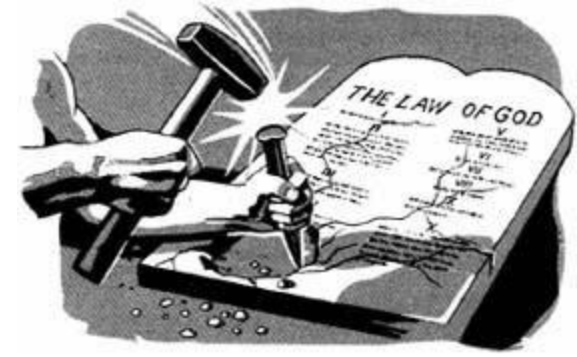
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# 1 TIMOTHY 1:15-17

**THIS IS A TRUSTWORTHY SAYING, AND EVERYONE SHOULD ACCEPT IT: "CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS"— AND I AM THE WORST OF THEM ALL. BUT GOD HAD MERCY ON ME SO THAT CHRIST JESUS COULD USE ME AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF HIS GREAT PATIENCE WITH EVEN THE WORST SINNERS. THEN OTHERS WILL REALIZE THAT THEY, TOO, CAN BELIEVE IN HIM AND RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE. ALL HONOR AND GLORY TO GOD FOREVER AND EVER! HE IS THE ETERNAL KING, THE UNSEEN ONE WHO NEVER DIES; HE ALONE IS GOD. AMEN.**



## 1 PETER 5:8-11

**STAY ALERT! WATCH OUT FOR YOUR GREAT ENEMY, THE DEVIL. HE PROWLs AROUND LIKE A ROARING LION, LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO DEVOUR. STAND FIRM AGAINST HIM, AND BE STRONG IN YOUR FAITH. REMEMBER THAT YOUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS ALL OVER THE WORLD IS GOING THROUGH THE SAME KIND OF SUFFERING YOU ARE.**



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