## Build! "Except the Lord build the house…" Psalm 127.1

## How to Build the Church

"Upon this rock, I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16.13-18

I. Everything Begins with a True Confession

- A. The Christ- Anointed Savior, Messiah.
  - Fulfiller of all prophecy. Redeemer
- B. The Son- God incarnate.

Entails all of the Father's attributes

C. The Life- Real confession acknowledges that without Jesus, there is nothing but death. John 14.6; John 11.25

II. Real church growth can come only through sole possession of the Holy Spirit

A. Activated by the Spirit of God in us Acts 11.21-26

- B. Anointed by His Spirit on and through us Luke 4.18
- C. Obedient to the Spirit's leading for us Acts 13.2

III. Building must be intentional through our profession of what God has done and is doing

A. With our testimony of GraceB. With our walk of FaithC. With our priorities and desires John 21.15