

**“Do you not know that
you are the temple of God
and that the Spirit of God
dwells in you?”
(1 Corinthians 3:16).**



WE OURSELVES ARE THE VERY TEMPLE OF GOD—you and me, His children who live with Him day by day and worship Him in our own hearts.

God’s true Church has always been the body of believers, the fellowship of the saints, the assembly of the saints. The word “church” comes from the ancient Greek word *ekklesia*, meaning the called-out ones, or the separated ones. The church is not the building; it’s the people. Christian worship in the early days needed no buildings, no great temples built with hands of men, which could not contain God anyway (Acts 7:48). They worshiped Him in homes, in upper rooms, in basements, in the marketplace, beside the river, and in the forest under the trees—wherever they happened to be. And Christianity soon covered the earth because the apostles obeyed and went out. Instead of building buildings, they went out and built the true Church of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men, a temple built of “living stones,” as Peter calls us (1 Peter 2:5).

God dwells within the human heart. Buildings cannot contain Him, but your heart contains the Lord Jesus Christ if you have received Him (Galatians 4:6).