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## Our Memory Verse

*"In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." - Eph. 2:21-22*



**STRAIGHT FROM THE BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART**

## **THE DYNAMICS OF MBBE MINISTRIES** **LESSON NO. 43 ESTABLISHMENT IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE EKKLESIA**

There are two chief and immediate roles the Ekklesia should effectively carry out to ensure the new believers' spiritual growth, faithfulness and active involvement in all worship services and ministries. These are: (1) to establish new believers in their new identity and foundation in Christ; and (2) to provide them the understanding and appreciation of their ekklesia identity and structure as their spiritual family and foundation. As we are taught by the Word of God, every true and biblical Baptist ekklesia has an identity, structure and distinctiveness of being a living organism composed of born-again and scripturally baptized believers of Christ whose divine mandate is to primarily preach the Gospel of Christ, His kingdom and the whole counsel of God and whose main purposes include living for Christ, fulfilling His will, loving the brethren and serving Him faithfully and with gladness of heart while awaiting His return.

### **A. Establishing the new believers' identity in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).**

1. **Personal identity** according to a dictionary is a distinct personality of an individual regarded as persisting entity. It is the complex of all the attributes—behavioral, temperamental, emotional and mental that characterize a unique individual.

2. **Identity with the Lord Jesus Christ.** The Bible says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). This is the new im-

parted nature of Christ to everyone who believes in Him as his or her personal Savior and Lord. He or she possesses now the nature of Christ and thus sets him or her free to live no longer under the control of old self but to live for the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

2.1. The new identity/nature is based on Christ alone. The new relationship with God through Christ has placed the new believer to be accepted, honored and blessed of God.

2.2. The new identity/nature in Christ ushers in new meaning and purpose of life. New believers can now have the reason and power to lead a righteous, faithful and fruitful life. They can now respond to Christ's abounding love and grace and begin with a fresh start with Christ and His ekklesia (Col. 1:27).

### **B. Establishing the new believers' foundation—his Ekklesia**

#### **1. The ekklesia provides them a new foundation.**

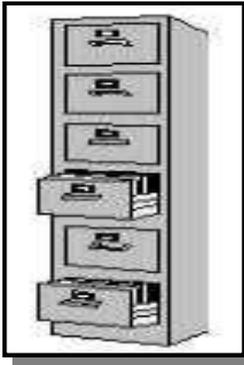
1.1. This new house is built on a solid foundation—the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He alone can provide every believer stability (Heb. 13:8), soundness (Heb. 12:28) and solidity (1 Cor. 3:10-11).

1.2. The ekklesia provides them a new habitation (Eph. 2:21-22). Believers themselves are the temple of God:

1.2.1. INDIVIDUALLY

1.2.2. CORPORATELY

1.2.3. They are FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER.



# The **BMA** **ARCHIVES**

**Dr. Benny M. Abante's  
PREACHING MATERIALS**

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK  
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD  
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE  
IN A YEAR**

## CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

<b>NOVEMBER 15</b>	<b>HEBREWS 11:1</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 16</b>	<b>HEBREWS 11:6</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>	<b>HEBREWS 12:4</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 18</b>	<b>HEBREWS 12:5</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 19</b>	<b>HEBREWS 12:6</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 20</b>	<b>HEBREWS 12:10</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 21</b>	<b>HEBREWS 12:11</b>

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after every book.

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C. The Ekklesia has a structure whereby new believers can be assured of spiritual growth, fruitful service and blessed walk with Christ.

1. When Christ has ascended up to heaven, three things took over to take care of His ekklesia down here on earth. These are given so the ekklesia can be strengthened and comforted (John 14:26):

1.1. The Written Word of God (Bible). This is where God speaks to the believers concerning every aspect of their new life in Christ.

1.2. The Spirit of God. Through the Holy Spirit, believers can have communion with God, speak to Him and come to Him freely, boldly and intimately. He gives every believer the utterance and boldness to come to the throne of God's grace.

1.3. The people of God. Fellow believers are given to us to best exemplify the faith and life in the Lord Jesus Christ for a strong witness and light to this sin-darkened world. They speak well of Christ and live for Him daily.

2. **The Structure of the Ekklesia is composed of:**

2.1. Leadership. Christ has the pre-eminence and leadership over His ekklesia and He leads through His anointed and appointed servant—the Pastor, who is being led and directed by the Holy Spirit to communicate and articulate before God's ekklesia the whole counsel of God and the Gospel of Christ (1 Tim. 3:1-4; Acts 20:29; Matthew 20:25-28).

2.2. Worship. This is reverent love, devotion, adoration, praises, thanksgiving, cheerful giving and stewardship the people of God do corporately for His honor and glory (Jn 4:23; Ps.150:1-6).

2.3. Accountability. Every believer of the Lord in particular, and the ekklesia in general will give an account of life and service to the Lord (Gal. 6:1-5; James 5:16; 1 Thess. 5:11).

2.4. Wisdom. The ekklesia should demonstrate at all times her knowledge and fear of God along with her sincerest devotion and obedience to God's Word and commands (Col. 3:16; Eph. 3:10; 5:15-17).

2.5. Glory. The ekklesia bought by the blood of the Lord Jesus is the only one that can give God real honor and glory (Eph. 3:21).

2.6. Ministries. The ekklesia is spiritually and practically designed to provide ministries as avenues for service, faithfulness, spiritual growth and edification (Eph. 4:11).

3. **The Lord's Desires for His Ekklesia that:**

3.1. His Wisdom be taught through the Ekklesia.

3.2. He receives glory through the Ekklesia.

3.3. The Word of God instructs believers through the Ekklesia.

3.4. The Spirit of God empowers the believers to work through the Ekklesia.

D. **The Ekklesia Provides the Believers' Spiritual Habitation**

1. She is there to serve for their spiritual habitation (Eph. 1:23; 4:12).

2. She is there to perfect (make mature) them through and with the Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

3. She is there to involve and engage them in all her ministries (2 Cor. 5:18).

4. She is there to edify the body of Christ (1 Cor. 14:26).

Make the ekklesia very important in your life as this is the embodiment of God's Holy Spirit designed to magnify God's perfect Word through His chosen pastors and people (Jer. 3:15).

**—BMA's Messages 11.15.15**