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Christ’s Ekklesia

When this God-man, Jesus, paid our penalty and restored us to God, in the process He also recovered Adam’s lost authority. It is now safe in the hands of a human who will never lose it again. God’s original plan was restored: There is now a race of humans on the earth filled with God’s life and nature, capable of relating to Him as Father and managing this incredible home He created for them.

If only they realized it!

When we are born again, we are no longer mere humans—adamites—we are a new race of supernatural beings called Christians (“little Christs”). In his first letter to Corinth, Paul chastised the believers for acting like “mere men” (3:3). We are not “merely human”; we are supernatural daughters and sons of the Most High God, filled with His Spirit and anointed to represent Him. God has His family back and can now continue His original plan, which includes this family managing and governing the earth spiritually. He calls this family the “church.”

The church is first mentioned in Matthew 16:18-19:

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

When Jesus used the word “church” (Greek: Ekklesia), the disciples weren’t hindered by our contemporary ideas as to what it meant. Their paradigm of an Ekklesia differed greatly from what it has become. To us today, the church can be:

1. A worship service.
2. A building used by Christians.
3. A local congregation of Christians.
4. For those who tend toward its literal meaning, it is a “called out” assembly of people.