



**I Should Invest in the Church**  
**What Should I Invest In?**  
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Those who are wise will find a time and a way  
to do what is right, *Ecclesiastes 8:5*

**Christ Gave \_\_\_\_\_ for the Church – I Should Too**

<sup>16</sup>We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. *1 John 3:16*

<sup>15</sup>Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. <sup>18</sup>Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. <sup>19</sup>And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." *Matthew 16:15-19*

<sup>1</sup>And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup>Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. *Romans 12:1-2*

<sup>35</sup>If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. <sup>36</sup>And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? <sup>37</sup>Is anything worth more than your soul? *Mark 8:35-37*

**Christ Intended for Me to Join His \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>18</sup>Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:18-20*

<sup>37</sup>Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God." <sup>40</sup>Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!" <sup>41</sup>Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. <sup>42</sup>All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. *Acts 2:37-42*

<sup>28</sup>"So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders. *Acts 20:28*

<sup>4</sup>Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup>so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. *Romans 12:4-5*

<sup>9</sup>If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. *Romans 10:9-10*