

70 HOW DEAR AND TREASURED IS THE CHURCH

“if I delay, [I write so that] you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15).

1. How dear and treasured is the church,
With voices joined in praise and prayers,
For God has made us one in Christ,
To share our sorrows, joys and cares.
2. Entrusted with the truth of God,
Called out to make the gospel known,
We boldly as His church proclaim:
There's grace and hope in Christ alone!
3. God fashions us as living stones;
Assembled as His dwelling place.
Though we were dead, He gives us life,
Each soul a miracle of grace.
4. Built as a buttress of the truth,
A pillar rising to the sky,
God sets His church before the world,
His Word and name to magnify.
5. To all the world we testify,
Our lives display in word and deed
The matchless worth of knowing Christ,
The boundless depth of our great need.
6. Brought near to God by Christ's shed blood,
Loved and adopted as His own,
A household built upon the Word,
With Christ Himself the Cornerstone.
7. Built on this Rock, the church will stand,
The gates of hell shall not prevail,
All who are Christ's shall be raised up,
The Word of God will never fail.

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