THE CHURCH WHICH CHRIST BUILT

We read in mt.16,18 In answer to the question which He asked the apostles,Verse 13 Who do men say that I the Son of man am?-Verse 16 and Simon Peter answered and said,Thou art the Christ,the son of the living ~~Ge~~ God.Jesus answered and said unto him," ~~Blessed art thou~~,"Blessed art thou Simon Barjona:for flesh and blood hath not ~~it~~ revealed unto thee,but my Father which is in heaven.18 And I say unto thee,that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church ;and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto the keys of the kingdom of heaven;and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven:and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.--We notice He mentions building His church,and that he is building it upon THIS ROCK. Some claim that "Peter means rock,that he is building His church on Peter.But we find by a further study that Christ did not say ,Upon thee will I build my church.He said upon this rock.The fact that Peter stated-"thou art the Christ the Son of the living God.We learn from 1 Cor.3,11 For other foundation can no man lay,than that which is laid,which is Christ Jesus.And this refers me to a prophecy Isaiah 28,16 Therefore thus saith the Lord,Behold I lay in Zion(the Church)for a foundation a tried stone,a sure foundation:He that believeth shall not make haste.This prophecy is quoted by Peter,1 Pe.1-~~#~~ 2-6 He states in the 4th verse To whome coming as unto a living stone(Christ) disallowed of men,but chosen of God and precious,Ye also as living stones are built up a spiritual house(the Church)(Kingdom) 1 Tim.3,15 The House of God which is the ~~Chr~~ Church of the Living God, Also Eph.2,19 Now ye are no more strangers and foreigners,but fellow citizens of the saints,and of the household of God , (Family of God),and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone,in whom all the building fitly framed together,groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. Acts 4,11 Peter rebuking the Jews who had refused to believe in Christ,Th: This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders,which is become the headstone.12 Neither is there salvation in any other:for there is none other name under heaven given among men,whereby we must be saved.Read Psa. 118,22--Mt.21 42,--Ac.4,11,--Eph.2,20--1 Pe.2,6.For further information on Christ the foundation.

We learn from 1 Cor.12,28 That the apostles were the first members ~~plac~~ Placed in the church.And Acts 2 we learn that the first converts made by the apostles Verse 47, were added by the Lord daily to the church by the Lord, And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.Three thousand verse 41.Peter convinced the Jews that they had crucified the Son of G God.Verse 37 they cried men and brethren what shall we do?Verse 38 Peter then said unto them,Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins,and ye shall receive the ~~remission of your~~ gift of the Holy Ghost.Verse 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized;and the same day there was added unto them about three thousand souls.47 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.Why Can't I be added to the church Christ adds to,by beleveing that Christ was crucified for my sins(Made atonement)Confessing as they evidently showed thatt they did,and then be baptized for the remission of my sins,and be added to the Church which Christ adds to?

What SHOULD THIS CHURCH BE CALLED?

Paul exhorting the elders of the church at Ephesus Ac.20,28 Take heed to yourselves,and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,to feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood.He purchased it,therefore it belongs to Him.Eph.5,25 Husbands love your wives as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it,. Verse 23 Christ is the head of the church,and He is the Saviour of the body Col.1,18 And He is the head of the body,the church,that in all things He might have the preeminence.Would it not be natural that a n instution,bought and paid for,and made the head of,be called by His name?The one who is the corner stone,the foundation of,-the head of ? Purchased it with His ~~ow~~ own blood.placed the first members in,and added to it daily,Shouldn't it b be called by His name?Ro.16,16 The Churches of Christ salute you.2 Cor.1,1 The churches of God salute you.1 Cor.1,2Unto the church of God which is at Corinth salute you.Ac.11,26 The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.--Heb 12,18-26 Speaking of the Law given by Christ as the Mediator of the new testament-- Ye are come unto Mt.Sion,and to the City of the living God ,the heavenly Jerusalem,and to an innumerable company of angels,23 to the General assembly and church of the first born (Christ),which are written in heaven,and to God the Judge of all,and to the spirits of just men made perfect,24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new testament,and to the blood of Sprinkling,that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

NOW AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.HOW DOES A PERSON BECOM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT AND ADDED TO DAILY THE ONES BEING SAVED?

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Let us have more on our name 2 Cor 11,2 Speaking to the Corinthians ForI am jealous over you with a Godly Jealousy:for I have espoused you to one husband ,that I might present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.Eph.5,25 we read that Christ loved the church,and gave himself for it;26 That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water,by the word,27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church,not having spot,or wrinkle,or any such thing;but that it should be holy and without blemish.Now Let us go to Ro.7.Speaking of the Jews being bound by the law of Moses to God.Verse 4 Wherefore my brethren ye have become dead to the Law(of Moses) by the body of Christ;that ye should be married to another,even to Him who is raised from the dead,that we should bring forth fruit unto God.In Col.2 Verse 14 that Christ Blotted out the handwriting(Law of Moses) of ordinances that was against us ,which was contrary to us,and took it out of the way,nailing it to His cross.Jer.3,14 Mentions that God was married to Israel. Now that law that bound them to God is dead,and can be married to Christ.Isaiah 62 God promises them a new name,When the Gentiles should see the righteousness of God.Which took place in Christ ,recorded in Acts chap-10 When the Gospel was preached to the household of Cornelieus who was a Gentile,.and in the 11th chapter verse 26 And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioc.Ac.14,27 Paul states That God had opened the door of faith to the Gentile.--A marriage brings forth fruit after the Marriage cermony .1 Cor 6,17 He that is Joined to the Lord is one spirit. How are we Joined to the Lord? Ro.6,3-5 Know ye not that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by Baptism into death,that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,even so we also should walk in newness of Life. We go through the likeness of the death,burial,and resurrection of Christ, when we are baptized for the remission of our sins,and this is the first mentioned that we do with Christ,We are baptized into Christ,and Rise with Him,Col.3,1 If ye then be risen with Christ,seek those things which are above,where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.2 Set your affections on things above,and not on the things of the earth. Ro.6,17 says God be thanked,ye were the servants of sin,but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine delivered unto you;being then made free from sin ye became servants of righteousness.-Obeyed that form of doctrine,Wh Went through the likeness of the death,burial,and resurrection of Christ,When we were buried with him by baptism into death,raised with him to walk a new life.Joined to the Lord.Spiritually Joined to Him.Married to Him.A wife usually takes her husbands name.Heb,12,23 Tells us we have come to the general assembly, and church of the~~f~~First born,-Christ.

But it takes more than baptism to put us into Christ and the Church, Jesus says Except ye believe that I am He (the Christ)Ye shall die in your sins,Ro.10,9 We read That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead,thou shalt be saved.10For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;and ~~wi~~ with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.We are required to believe ,For without faith it is impossible to please God,For he that cometh to God must believe that He is,and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him,Heb.11,6.--Jn.20,30-31 And many other signs truely did Jesus in the presence of His disciples ,which are not written in this book,But these are written,that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ,the Son of God;and that believeihg ye might have life through His name,.Mk.16,15 Just before Christ ascended into heaven he Said unto His disciples,Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,but He that believeth not shall be damned.They began to carry out that command Acts 2 Peter Convinced the Jews that that they had crucified the Son of God,they evidently believed,were pricked in their hearts,and cried Men and brethren,what shall we do? Peter Verse 38 Said unto them Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.39 For the promise is unto you,and your children,and all that are afar off,even as many as the Lord our God shall call.40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying.Save yourselves from this untoward generation.41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:and the same day there was added unto them about three thousand souls.Verse 47 And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.--Which church did He add them to?They believed,evidently repented Showed that they repented and were baptized for the remission of their sins,were they saved?Ac8.26-40 Philip preched Jesus to the Ethoopion He confessed that he believed it ,then Philip baptized Him.

Ac.8,5-14 Philip went down into Samaria and preached Christ unto them. Verse 12 When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God,and the name of Jesus Christ,they were baptized,both men and women.Why cant a person in this day and time do as these did?Believe on the Lord Jes Christ as the Son of God,Confess that we believe it,repent of our sins and Be baptized for the remission of them? J.H.Lackey.Church of Christ.