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THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (hymn)

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"Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, [you are] God's building. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

" -- 1 Corinthians 3:8,9,11 NKJV.

See Ephesians 2, esp. 19-end: "...members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner[stone], in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

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When THE Church... any church... that uses Christ's own Name becomes too busy to fervently pray Ephesians 6 for His protection, That church shows the World that her foundation is "church" -- NOT Christ --God's own Church must find that >>>

2 (traditional melody with adapted words)

The Church's ONE Foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord. She is His new Creation, by water and God's Word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His Holy Bride. With Christ's Own Blood He bought her, and for her Life He died..... And for THIS Church, Jesus died.... For

US in THIS Church, Jesus died.... For US in THIS Church, Jesus died. Lord, help THIS Church LIVE for You

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Even if Church says God is first, as they -- as we-- use Christ's Name, if we depend on our own skills, don't pray Ephesians 3 for His empowering, That church shows the World that her

FOUNDation is CHURCH -- <u>NOT</u> CHRIST!

God's own Church must say, "We're >>

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4 (traditional melody with adapted words)

(We're) people of ev'ry Nation, ONE Church o'er all the Earth. The Church Charter of salvation IS "One Lord, One Faith, One Birth." One holy Name Church blesses, One Holy Communion. To just One Hope, Church presses, with ev'ry grace from God, because for THIS Church, Jesus died.... For

US in THIS Church, Jesus died. Lord, help THIS Church LIVE for You.....

5 (traditional melody with adapted words)

Church on Earth has union with God the Three in One. And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest has come. Lord, give us Vision glorious to FOUND this CHURCH on You. Make us Your Church Victorious who brings people to You WITH OUR THANKS that for THIS Church, Jesus died.... For US in THIS Church, Jesus died. Lord, help THIS Church LIVE for You.....

Song Story.

This song was written as a chorus to *GIVING UP ON CHURCH*... which obviously leads to a message that **NO**, we should **not** give up on God's church. After all, if anyone has every had just cause to do that, it was most assuredly Jesus. And Jesus calls us to be like Him.... which includes going to church (Hebrews 10:25).

Why do people give up on church?

Because this old hymn is not part of our hearts in church.

Because we enjoy the GIFTING of God.... yes, it is gifting, of skills and intelligence so much

that we too often NEGLECT praying Ephesians 3:20 for power,

often NEGLECT praying Ephesians 6: 10 to end for protection,

as Christ's Body, Christ's Church on earth.

As I completed this song... another fast gift from God, and began practicing the vocals, a sob kept catching in my throat. Oh, how we in the Church hurt Jesus.....

Lord, we need Your help, your protection, your empowering: Help this Church stop hurting You with our self-dependence. Be our ONE and Only FOUND-ation!