

Introduction: God's 2nd remedy for holiness – living in *the communio sanctorum*, the communion of saints, the body of Christ, the church. Underscores nature of Christian identity = who we truly are. **Our Christian identity is forged, formed, framed within the Christian community.**

II. THE WORK OF GOD IS ESSENTIAL FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH 4-6

Built is in passive voice. We do not build, we are being built. Recall Eph 2:20- built; 21 – being joined together; 22 – being built together; 4:16 –joined and held together; Mt 16:18; 2 Sam 7:8-13.

A. OUR CONTINUAL APPROACH 4

Constant communion. Drawing on Ps 118:22; Isa 28:16; cf. Mt 21:42; Acts 4:11.

1. His Significant Designation

2. Their Arrogant Rejection

3. His Divine Reception

B. OUR COMFORTING ASSURANCE 5

1. Our Fitting Comparison

the Christian's status in relationship to Christ, the Chief Cornerstone

2. Our Spiritual Construction

3. Our Holy Conduct

the ultimate purpose of the priesthood.

C. OUR CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE 6

From Isa 28:16. The immutability of our hope.

1. According to the Divine Instruction

2. According to the Divine Initiative

3. According to the Divine Intention