



We Believe in The Body of Christ-The Church

Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 2:19-22

The Church

- Church membership, by itself, never saves anyone.
- If we are called to be saved believers, we are also called to the church, to be the church, to become a functioning part of the body.
- How we are to act and how we are to care for one another is all in context of the church.
- The church, by its very name in the Greek, deals with a gathering of God's people.
- We stimulate one another to love and good deeds when we are together.

Jesus Is The Head

- When Christ died on the cross, the veil in the temple was torn, opening up our access to Him.
- God put all things in the entire universe under Jesus' feet.
- Since Jesus is the head of the church, "*the church, which is His body,*" is you and me.
- We turn to Him for guidance and direction through His Holy Spirit.
- The church government is a type of democracy in which we as believers, filled with the Holy Spirit, seek the will of God together for this local assembly of His body.

The Assembly

- The church, the assembly of His body, are fellow citizens of heaven.
- In the church, we are all equal before God.
- It doesn't matter who you are, rich or poor, black or white, male or female, we are equal before God, and in this place we are on equal footing with one another.
- We are all equal members of God's household.
- The church is not a social club, a country club, or a civic organization; our foundation is Jesus.

Conclusion

- Jesus is the cornerstone from which all measurements are made.
- We are the stones and bricks of God's house.
- There is no call in all of scripture for us to be alone.
- Together we are the body of Christ, the dwelling place of God Himself.
- You are not being built into the structure of the God's holy temple if all you do is come, sit, and leave.
- As we grow and worship together, we can change the world.