

Body of Christ, Bride of Christ & Divinity of the Church

The Church is also described as Body of Christ cf:

One body with many members

I Cor 12:12-27: For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. 1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 1Co 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many. 1Co 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 1Co 12:16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 1Co 12:17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling? 1Co 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 1Co 12:19 And if they were all one member, where *were* the body? 1Co 12:20 But now *are they* many members, yet but one body. 1Co 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 1Co 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 1Co 12:23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. 1Co 12:24 For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked: 1Co 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. 1Co 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular

Rom 12:4-5 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: Rom 12:5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Church is called the Body

Eph 1:22-23 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

There is but one body therefore, one Church

Eph 4:4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling

Eph 4:11-15 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as 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: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Church of Christ is also described as Bride of Christ:

Isaiah 62:2-5 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth. Isa 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Isa 62:3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Isa 62:4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. Isa 62:5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, *so* shall thy God rejoice over thee.

II Cor 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Divinity of the Church of Christ:

Some people think all religions are of divine origin & are of equal value to salvation of your soul. Others recognize some religions are not divine nor capable of saving your soul. Anything God of heaven is responsible for, anything He has originated is divine.

Divine figures of speech used to describe Church: Kingdom of God cf:

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Holy names of God & Christ are attached to Church

I Cor. 11:16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Rom 16:16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Church Divinely established cf

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Matthew 16:13-18 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? **Mat 16:14** And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. **Mat 16:15** He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? **Mat 16:16** And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. **Mat 16:17** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. **Mat 16:18** And I say also 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. **Mat 16:19** And I will give unto thee 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.

Church is Divine in ownership cf:

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto 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.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

I Cor 6:19-20 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **1Co 6:20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's
Jesus could call it "My Church"

Matt 16:18 And I say also 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

Church has a Divine foundation with Jesus Christ Chief Cornerstone.

I Cor 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Church has a Divine head

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Eph 5:23-24 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. **Eph 5:24** Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let the wives be* to their own husbands in every thing.

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Eph 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,

Church is the temple of God on earth

Eph 2:21-22 Eph 2:21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: Eph 2:22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

It is to the Church God adds those being saved.