

Christ the Head and Christ the Body

And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18 {Also read 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 2:20; 4:11}

Christ speaks of the very first mention of church in the New Testament. He is ascribed as the true builder and source of HIS church. {1 Corinthians 3:6-15}

And has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the HEAD over all things to the church. Which is his body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23 {Read also Ephesians 1:10; 2:13-22}

For we are all members {limbs} of HIS body, of HIS flesh, and of HIS bones. Ephesians 5:30...{Please read 1 John 2:18-19 – origin of antichrist...check it out}

Since Christ is the Head, and we are his Body, then we may safely paraphrase the corporate body of Christ as “Christ the body.” Everything that Christ is, is also in HIS body. His breath, bone, blood, and DNA are all in HIS body. Either it is an integral part of HIS body or it is antibody. If it is not Christ, it is antichrist, instead of Christ. For God through Christ knows himself within himself. He knows only God, and the one thing that pleases God is GOD. You may call that the biggest ego trip of eternity, but the truth is, “All things begin and end, or resumes its beginning and ending with God, in Christ, Alpha and Omega, the 1-800 of God, Christ ALL in ALL!” All things created by Him, for Him, and in Him, He is the head of all things and before all things and by him all things consists {Colossians chapter 1}. When the 7th day Son Rise takes place in the corporate body, Jesus sees the very mirror image of Himself, as he is the expression and character {Image genesis 1:26} of the Father. We are to be nothing less than his own self! Whatever Christ is in headship, preeminence, centrality, and Lordship, is to be manifested in HIS body! Christ the Head, and Christ the Body!!!

{Psalms 8:5; 1 John 4:17}...When his kingdom rules and reigns within us, all that we say and do is blessed as his influence within, becomes the outworking of HIS kingdom unto others. The kingdom is advanced through a people that know HIM, and is making HIM known. Daniel 11:32...In the words of our friend apostle Ian Chellen from South Africa, and Founder of the Global Transformation Institute {USA}, "The Kingdom is the real world!" {Colossians 1:13; Ps. 145:10-13; Acts 28:31; Daniel 7:27; Hebrews 12:28

Thou son of man, show the house to the house {Christ is the HEAD of HIS house} of Israel {Romans 2:28-29; Philippians 3:3; Galatians 6:16}, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern. Ezekiel 43:10

Jesus is the Pattern Son {Exodus 25:8-9} and the blueprint of Perfection {Psalms 18:30; 1 Corinthians 13:10; Hebrew 6:1; Psalms 37:37; Isaiah 26:3; Matthew 5:48; John 17:23; Ephesians 4:13; Hebrews 5:9; James 1:4; 2 Timothy 3:17}. He is the {Ancient} Path {Jeremiah 6:16; Job 28:7-8; Psalms 23:3; 91:1-2} which leads to the Father's glory. {John 1:1-4; 17:5, 22, 24; Colossians 1:13-19; Exodus 33:18; 1 Chronicles 16:24; Psalms 24:8; 138:5; Isaiah 6:3; Psalms 3:3; 148:13; Habakkuk 2:14; 3:3; Matthew 24:30; 25:31; Romans 3:23 {present truth here}, 1 Corinthians 15:43; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 3:21; Colossians 1:27; 3:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; Revelation 1:6; 7:12; 19:1; 21:11; Jude 25; Hebrews 2:10; 1 Peter 1:7, 11; 5:10-11; 2 Peter 1:3; 3:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17}

Read..."Is become the HEAD of the corner...Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11"

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into HIM in ALL things, which is the HEAD, even Christ. Ephesians 4:15

Christ is the HEAD of the church...Ephesians 5:23

And he is the HEAD of the body, the church...Colossians 1:18

***And you are complete in HIM, which is the HEAD of all principality and power.
Colossians 2:10***

And not holding the HEAD, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministers, and knit together, increases with the increase of God.

Colossians 2:19

As witnessed through the scriptures, Christ is the Head of All things, created all things, and is before all things. {Colossians 1:16-18}. By HIM, all things consist.

He is Lord of the body and Lord of the HOME. Jesus Christ is the highest order in the church and the home at all times! Psalms 127:1; 133:1-3;

All roads lead to HIM...Ephesians 1:10, for in the Law of Circularity, we come from Father and all shall return unto HIM. Psalms 22:27-28 {Interesting verse}

God's eternal purpose is centered in the Lordship of Christ. Purpose and destiny is returning unto the Ancient of Days. History, government, and creation are being summed up in all things, which is Christ the Head, and Christ the BODY {Revelation 11:15}. History finds its fulfillment by resuming everything to HIM. There is to be a fullness of the completion of the ages as everything is coming together in the exalted and magnified Christ. Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, the Personification of the Kingdom...

Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:15; Daniel 7:22; Isaiah 46:10; Colossians 1:16

Since Christ is the head of HIS body, he has also given us the building code for the perfection and maturing of HIS body. This building code, the architectural design, and the master plan is realized through the instrumentation of the ascension ministries of Ephesians 2:20; 4:11-13; and 1 Corinthians 12:28. Every vital ingredient for the building of HIS church is in Christ multiplied in these five-fold dimensions. No, it is not to suggest that His glorious grace is limited to five ascension ministries only. Rather, it teaches that God through Christ has given us these wise master builders {particularly apostles and prophets} to perfect, equip, and to mature the saints, and to build up his body for HIS very purpose.

The local and universal church must return to HIS Headship, personified, exemplified, and Glorified! All that Christ is must manifest

throughout HIS body, edifying itself in LOVE. All nutrients, all sustenance, and all strong body development come from his headship. According to Colossians 2:19, we are exhorted not to hold the HEAD, or withhold the head, for HE nourishes HIS body. However, I am inclined to believe that a number of saints are drawing their sustenance and support from another kind, a whole different source that is foreign to HIS body. That is why we shall begin now with the subject of Christ's body, what {who} it is not, and what {who} it really is.

What the Church or Body of Christ is not...

1 – The Church or Body of Christ is not the parenthetical plan of God, or an insert due to the Jew's rejection of Jesus Christ. Though the vehicle or instrument has changed over the centuries, God's plan and eternal purpose has not. He continues to do HIS pleasure {Isaiah 46:10 – Ephesians 1:11; 3:11}...Unlike the popular notes of C.I. Scofield, which exclaims there was no church in the Old Testament, Acts 7:38 confirms just the opposite. Ephesians 3:3-5

2 – The Church or Body of Christ is not Judaism. Though the church of the New Testament has for a foundation the calling of the assembly {Kahal Jehovah} in the old covenant, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is made up of Jew and Gentile, bond and free, all drinking into ONE Spirit as recorded in 1 Corinthians 12:13. The church today is not the revival of the old Jewish sacrificial system, nor is it the restoring of the old Levitical order.

3 – The Church or Body of Christ is not a denomination. Denominationalism {Listen carefully please to what is being said or lovingly conveyed here - the "ISM"} is not a part of the body of Christ. Denominationalism requires a process of voting and election of a human head as its leadership, and a numerical calculation to determine its strength, forces, and might. Denominations are simply a sect elected by the people {Democratic church government}, a hierarchy {Bureaucratic}, or by a few selected individuals {Oligarchies}. Carnality is the real reason why we have over 20,000 divisions in the church at large {1 Corinthians 3:1-6}. Naming and the esteeming of being within itself as "Baptist, Methodist, Charismatic, Dogmatic, or Schismatic, is not the body of Christ.

Thriving on the nomenclature or science of naming, or finding merit in titular authority {Job 32:21-22}, is not the body of Christ. For the day you

proclaim that you find strength and existence in these and other names, it tells others where you have stopped, or possibly where you have died. It is not a fresh movement, but a monument. For a movement of the Spirit is where God is, but a monument is where God was. And to further add, you may claim status as a non-denominational, or become classified as a non-denominational denomination. But the truth is, you may very well possess the same ism and schism which divides the corporate body. And the question Paul the apostle asks in 1 Corinthians 1:13, "Is Christ divided?" No!

4 – The Church or Body of Christ is not a physical building structure. The church in the New Testament is spoken of metaphorically as a people, and never to be classified as a monumental structure. To assume the church to be a literal building is reading into scripture something, which does not exist and is foreign to the mind of God. In Acts 19:37, the Greek word for churches is actually the word "Temple." In truth, a temple, sanctuary, or physical tabernacle is the meeting place of the "Ekklesia," the "called-out ones," but never to be designated in the literal or strict text concerning HIS church. When people asks "Where is your church, or what size is your church?" they have little to no revelation of what the church really is. In some instances, when true kingdom minded saints prefer not to be called a sect, but instead as members of HIS body in commitment to a local assemblage, some people still feel you need to be a part of a religious sect in order to be a part of HIS body. But bear in mind, Christ is not divided. O, His presence and power of demonstration does bring a sword, a division, or demarcation and distinction in things, but ism and schism is not the body of Christ.

What the Church of Body of Christ is...

1 - The Church or Body of Christ is the Ekklesia, the called-out people of the Lord. By review of this word, "ek" denotes "out of {as in exit}," and "klesis" refers to "a calling." When defining the Greek word "kaleo," we see it is akin to the Hebrew counterpart "kahal" or "assembly." In the New Covenant, a calling is a vocation {Ephesians 4:1}, a high calling {Philippians 3:14}, a holy calling {2 Timothy 1:9}, and a heavenly calling {Hebrews 3:1}. The calling of God is HIS expressed invitation to the sons of men, as we are not just called out, but WHOM we are called unto. Therefore, all sons of God are called. And callings are usually confirmed in corporately appointed gatherings, too. Col. 4:17. Some things the Lord will give to his servants in person or private, but there

are also some things the Lord will not reveal except in the corporate anointing of the saints. No one person alone is the entire corporate body of Christ. NO one person can say "I am Christ the Body exclusively unto my own self!" Not so. We are members {ligaments and limbs} one of another, and at some point in time and in the process of our purpose, you will assemble and engage in a local visible expression of corporate grace.

When Israel was called together out of their tents or homes to the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation that was the church, the assembly, or the called-out ones. They did not assemble because they merely saw one another doing so. They assembled together because that was their divine calling. So every time we assemble together in the place {local church} of the Lord's choosing, the place where his name is, that beloved, is the "Kahal Jehovah," the called-out assembly of the Lord. Therefore, "Kahal" is a congregation or assembly and so is the "Ekklesia," the assembly, community, and a well-defined local fellowship of the saints. For though we are born from above and redeemed by his shed blood, that personal calling unto God must become corporate and defined among other's of like precious faith. People will then witness your life and confirm the calling of God within you. Local elders will speak into your life's progression as well.

For though the "Kahal Jehovah" is a **regional** cry of His Spirit, and the answer to the heart cry of his people as His people have cried unto the Lord {His cry}, it will not eliminate the need for defined fellowship among the saints. For as I speak, there are a lot of remnant minded kingdom named people who have distaste in their mouth towards local assemblies and any sense of structural integrity. Many feel there is no need to fellowship with others. However, we need to adjust mentalities toward the commitment to God for His appointed flocks, and be healed of those past hurts. Commitment is preceded by relationship. We are corporate in anointing, but also corporate in relationship.

2 – The Church or Body of Christ is God's Eternal Purpose. According to Acts 15:18, "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world..." God's eternal purpose is centered in Christ and HIS body. The church or the body of Christ is making manifest what God has been saying and doing in eternity from the beginning. For Romans 16:25-26 says, "*Now unto him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of*

the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began. But now is MADE MANIFESTED... For that is where the church {His body} is now positioned, to become and to manifest these eternal realms of HIS unlimited Glory! It is the kairos time, the appointed time of the Lord for MANIFESTATION! {Romans 8:19; 1 John 3:5, 8; 4:9; John 14:21-22: 17:6; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 12:7 15:27; 2 Corinthians 4:2,10-11; 5:11; 11:6; Ephesians 5:13; Colossians 1:26; 1 Tim. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 1:3; 1 Peter 1:20; Mark 4:22}

3 – The Church of the Body of Christ is ONE NEW MAN. Scriptures such as Ephesians 2:15-16 confirms, “Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain {two} one new man, so making peace. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity {hostility} thereby:”

4 – The Church or the Body of Christ is Christ the Body. To say “Christ the body” would disturb the natural order of things in some religious camps. In the transition of the corporate anointing, we are moving from the glorious church to the glorified church, a church manifesting the very life of Christ in every part. For as with Enoch in Hebrews 11:5, he walked with God and was translated. And before his ascension into the unlimited glory of the Lord, he had the testimony of pleasing God. Therefore, to become glorious {Ephesians 5:26-27} is the pathway to becoming glorified. In the words of Jesus in his high priestly prayer of John 17:5 {the real model prayer}, he desired of the Father to glorify him {the son} with his own self {the Father}, the very substance and pure nature of God, the pre-existing glory of the Lord made manifest. In the fullness of time; for mortal does put on immortality, and mortality is swallowed up by life. 1 Co. 15:51-54: 2 Co. 5:1-7

5 – The Church or the Body of Christ is ONE BODY and MANY MEMBERS. *For as the body is ONE, and has many members {limbs and ligaments}, and all the members of that body being many, are one body in Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12;* The body of Christ is a living and breathing reality. It is a realm of believers - saints where we live, move, and have our being in HIM. {Acts 17:28}, a dimension of the Spirit where Christ is becoming all in all. Here, the body is full of ministries {I see men as trees or ministries – Mark 8:24}. With diversities of gifts, differences of administration, and diversities of operation, it is assuredly, one body. 1 Co. 12:4-6, a many member SON, the multiplicity of the Last Adam & quickening spirit - the Multiplied Christ!!!

Other names, meanings, and characteristics of HIS BODY

A – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Household of God. Ephesians 2:19, Hebrews 3:3-6; Galatians 6:10; John 14:2-3, 23

B – The Church or the Body of Christ is Zion the City of God. Hebrews 12:22

C – The Church or the Body of Christ is the True Tabernacle. Hebrews 8:2

D – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Holy City. It is the church in Perfection and Glory. Revelation chapters 21-22 {from visitation to habitation}

E – The Church or the Body of Christ is God's building. Hebrews 11:10; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Ephesians 2:19-22

F – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Pillar and Ground of Truth. 1 Timothy 3:5; Isaiah 57:15

G – The Church or the Body of Christ is as Lively Stones, built up into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices. 1 Peter 2:5; Isaiah 2:1-5

H – The Church or the Body of Christ is a Chosen Generation {chosen genes, chosen genetics}, A royal Priesthood {kingdom of priests unto God}, a Holy nation, and Peculiar People or Purchased Possession. 1 Peter 2:9; Exodus 19:6

I – The Church or the Body of Christ is ONE fold with ONE Shepherd. John 10:16

J – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Israel of God. Galatians 6:16; Romans 2:28-29; Philippians 3:3 {Read also Romans 9-11}

K – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Glorious Church. Ephesians 5:27

L – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Bride of Christ. Ephesians 5:23-32; Revelation 21:9; 22:17; Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 33:11

M – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Sons of God. Romans 8:19

N – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Seed of Abraham. Galatians 3:16, 29

O – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Temple of God. Ephesians 2:21

P – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Army of God. Ephesians 6:10-18

Q – The Church or the Body of Christ is a City set on a Hill {Zion}, which cannot be hid. It is the Light of the world. Matthew 5:14-15

R – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Church of the Firstborn. Hebrews 12:22-24; Colossians 1:17-18 {Acts 17:28}

S – The Church or the Body of Christ is God's Heritage. 1 Peter 5:3; Joel 3:2

T – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Church of God. 1 Corinthians 10:32

U – The Church or the Body of Christ is acknowledged in the words of Jesus as "MY" {His} Church. Matthew 16:18. He is the Builder thereof. Ephesians 4:11: 1 Corinthians 3:9: To exalt cultural heritage, ethnicity, Christendom, Ecumenical folly, denominationalism, or nationalism above the Glory of His pure body, is not the body of Christ at all. To place worth or esteem in these as the actual body is not the body of Christ. To make institutional Bishopricks the federal head of the church is Roman Catholic and not the body of Christ. Therefore, a return to kingdom order is essential for a strong, healthy, and vibrant body, local and universal. Jesus is Lord of His body, Lord of the home, and Lord of the local church. It's high time to manifest this dimension!

V – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Instrumentation of the Kingdom. Matthew 16:19; Daniel 7:22 {Receiving and Releasing the kingdom – Mt. 5-7}

W – The Church or the Body of Christ is Christ the Vine and we the Branches. John 15:1-8; Isaiah 11:1; Zechariah 3:8 – The Branch of the Lord

X – The Church or the Body of Christ is the Church of the Living God. 1 Timothy 3:15

Y – The Church or the Body of Christ is Local and Visible. Matthew 18:15-20

Z – The Church or the Body of Christ is Universal and Invisible. Matthew 16:18

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