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FCS1-3-01: The Body of Christ

The Church

Church: (Greek 1577 – *Matthew 16:18*) ekklesia ek-klay-see'-ah from a compound of 1537 and a derivative of 2564; a calling out, i.e. (concretely) a **popular meeting**, especially a **religious congregation** (Jewish synagogue, or Christian **community of members** on earth or saints in heaven or both):--assembly, church.

Jesus is building His assembly of followers, purchased with His own blood sacrifice. This assembly is collectively called 'The Church'.

Matthew 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.

Ephesians 1:12-13 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

The word church was used to describe the assembly of Israel in the wilderness.

Acts 7:37-38 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Ephesians 5:23-27 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. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Colossians 1:18-20 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. 19 For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

The body of Christ is both literal and spiritually. Christ willingly offered His body and blood to be the appeasement for the remission of the sins of all mankind. Christians are partakers of the sacrificial offering of the physical body of Christ Jesus through their faith.

The physical body of Christ Jesus:

Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

17 For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.



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When a person is planted together (Romans 6:5) with Christ at their baptism, they are baptized (or born into - Galatians 3:27) the Body of Christ.

The spiritual Body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:4-6 *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

Ephesians 4:11-12 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 *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. 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. 14 For the body is not one member, but many.*

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

Through faith and obedience to His doctrine a person is compelled into water baptism wherein they personally apply His sacrificial body to their lives. Their faith-inspired baptism is their personal entry into the Kingdom of God; by being partakers of what Christ accomplished in His body (through His life and death), by their spiritual application (putting on) of that sacrificial body, and therein their placement into the spiritual Body of Christ (the church).



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Question 1

The church may be defined as ...

- the assembly of Israel in the wilderness.
- a person living in Church, Alaska.
- a religious congregation.
- a Christian community of believers that worship the Lord of Heaven.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 2

As described in Matthew 16:18, who said upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it?

- Barnabas.
- Apostle Paul.
- Stephen.
- Jesus.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 3

As described in Acts 7:37-38, who was in the church in the wilderness with the angel?

- Soloman.
- Jonah.
- Moses.
- Elijah.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 4

As described in Ephesians 5:23-27, What are some similarities of a husband with his wife, and Christ with the church?

- The church is subject unto Christ as a wife is subject unto her husband (as in the wife is bound to the law as long as her husband lives - not an adulterer).
- The church may communicate with Christ as a distant wife may ignore her husband.
- The members of the church are forced to worship Christ as a husband and wife are forced to hate one another.
- The church is living a life of sacrifice unto Christ as a husband lives a life of sacrifice for his wife and family.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 5

As described in Colossians 1:18-20, Jesus is the head of the body, the church.

- True
- False

True/False



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Question 6

As described in Hebrews 10:10, the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ...

- provided a way for the Jews to condemn the Roman soldiers. Jonah. Moses. Elijah.
- provide a path to Bethlehem.
- brings sanctification.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 7

A person puts on Jesus Christ (His sacrificial body) spiritually by baptism to enter into the realm of the spiritual Body of Christ (the Church).

- True
- False

True/False



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