

There Is One Body

The Bible says *“There is one body...”* (Ephesians 4:4). What is the one body? The book of Ephesians answers the question: *“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”* (Eph. 1:22-23).

In Ephesians, the apostle Paul is teaching exactly the same thing the Lord Jesus Christ taught. Our Lord said He would build His church (Matthew 16:18). The church is His body.

Ephesians tells us there is one church (4:4). It is built upon the one foundation which is Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:11). Jesus is the head of the church: *“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. 5:23). The church is under the authority of Christ: *“Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.”* (Eph. 5:24).

Jesus loves His body, the church, and died for it: *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it”* (Eph 5:25).

Christians are members of the body of Christ, His church: *“For we are members of His body”* (Eph. 5:30). We are reconciled to God in the one body, the church of Christ: *“and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity”* (Eph. 2:16).

We have unity in the body (Eph. 4:16). The church which is the body of Christ has a God-given mission which is to “make known the manifold wisdom of God” (Eph. 3:10). Jesus is the Savior of the body (Eph. 5:23).

Therefore, if we are saved, we must be in His one body.

The body of Christ, which is the church of Christ, was established in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (Isaiah 2:2, 3; Acts 2).

The church of Christ has Jesus Christ as its founder, builder, head, and Savior! It is the church of the New Testament.

We encourage you to find out

more about the church of Christ. Come and worship God with us.

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is our only authority in all religious matters (2 Timothy 3:16,17; Colossians 3:17). We worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We are organized according to the pattern given in the New Testament. Christ is the head of the church (Colossians 1:18).

When local congregations have men who meet God’s qualifications, elders are appointed to oversee them (Acts 14:23; Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). Deacons serve the physical needs of the church (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

Evangelists and teachers preach and teach the Word of God (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

How does one become a member of the body of Christ? One becomes a member by being added by the Lord (Acts 2:47).

The Lord adds one to His church when he has obeyed the gospel plan of salvation. This

is how the Ephesians became members of the church. They were saved by God's grace through their faith when they heard and believed the Gospel (Ephesians 2:8; 1:13); repented of their sins (Acts 20:21); confessed their faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 19:18); and were baptized into Christ (Acts 19:1-5).

You today can become a member of the body of Christ by obeying the same gospel which the Ephesians obeyed.

You will be added by the same Lord to the same church. Why not do so today?



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