

How Important is it to be a member of the one body?

- The body is the saved. If you are not a member of the body, you are not saved. (Ephesians 5:23)
- You are not reconciled to God if you are not in the one body, for we are reconciled to God in the one body. (Ephesians 2:16)
- Members of the body of Christ are ones who have been baptized into His body. If you are not baptized into His body, you are not a member of His body, His church. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

Review Questions

- The church is the _____ of _____.
- _____ is the _____ of the body.
- How many bodies does Christ have?
 - Then how many churches does He have?
- How many heads does the body have?
- How is the church like a body?
- How much authority does Christ have over His body?
- What are the individual units of the body?
- As a member of the body of Christ, what are my responsibilities in relation to
 - The head?
 - The other members?

Ephesians 5:23-30: Christ & His Body

- Christ is head of the church, which is His body
- Christ is the Savior of the body
- Christ loved the church
 - Gave Himself for it
 - Sanctified & Cleansed it with the washing of water by the word
- Loves His own body
 - Nourishes and cherishes it
- We are members of His body

Uses of the word “kingdom”

- God’s universal reign or rule
 - Psalm 103:19; 93:1-2
- God’s people in the nation of Israel in the Old Testament
 - Exodus 19:5-6; 2 Samuel 5:12
- The church
 - Matthew 16:18-19
- The heavenly phase of the kingdom
 - Acts 14:32; 2 Peter 1:10-11

The church is the kingdom of Christ

- Church and kingdom used interchangeably
 - Matthew 16:18-19
- Parables set forth the church as the kingdom
 - Matthew 13:24, 44, 45, 47
- Christ purchased the church with his blood and made the same called out ones a kingdom of priests
 - Acts 20:28; Revelation 5:9-10