



# The Christian & The Church

Eph. 1:15-23

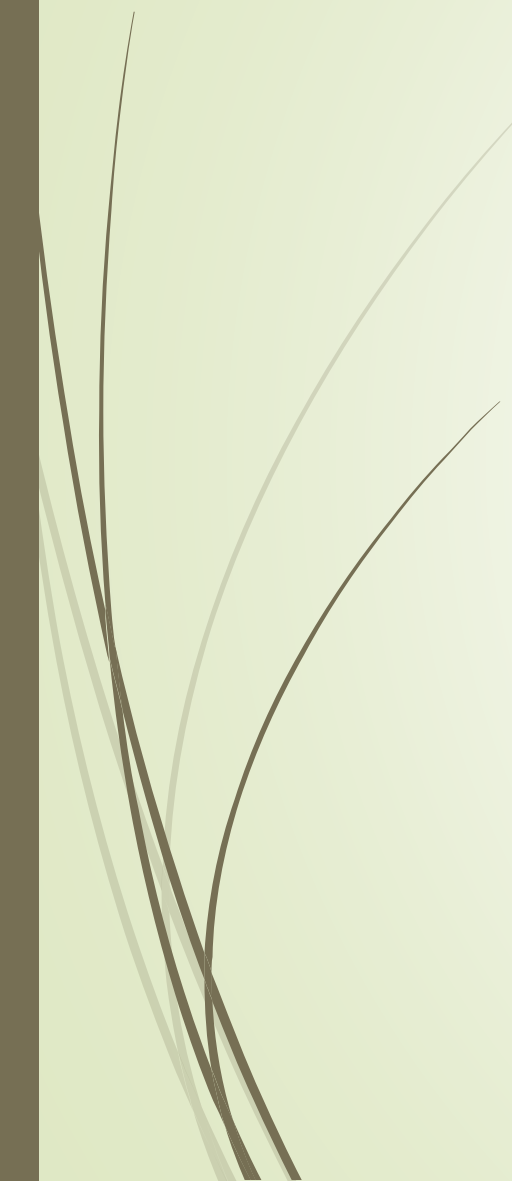


# What is The Lord's Church

- It is His Body. (Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22, Rom. 12:4-5)
- God Planned It before the world was made. (Eph. 3:10-12)
- He Purchased it at a Great Price. (Eph. 5:25, Act. 20:28)
- It has an Exalted Head over it. (Act. 2:33)
- It is made up of Redeemed People. (Act. 2:38, 41, 47; Rom. 8:16-17)
- It is the Body of People the Lord will Return for someday. (Eph. 5:25-27)



# What the Church is Not...

- The Building
  - A Social Club, Sorority or Spectator Group
  - A Place (or People) of Entertainment
  - An Activity Center
  - About a Single Person
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# Christian Relationship to The Church

- Remember that Christ is the Head. (Eph. 2:16)
- We are all members respectively (Brothers & Sisters). (Rom. 12:5)
- We are responsible for one another.
- We are accountable to one another & to God most of all.
- A fellowship through whom God can Work. (Deu. 2:7, Psa. 90:17)
- A fellowship through whom God can be Glorified. (1Th. 2:12, Act. 11:18, Rom. 8:17)



# Proper View of the Church

- **Helps us...**
- To put the Church First. (Mat. 6:33)
- To set our Affections on Things Above. (Col. 3:2)
- To be Submissive to the Lord. (Col. 18)
- Do God's Work correctly. (1 Co. 12:20)



# Incorrect Views of the Church

- **Leads us to...**
- Have incorrect, unloving, unholy attitudes.
- Cause a person to try and make the church something never intended.
- Corrupt the purpose of worship.
- Have no desire for godly relationships with other members.



# Strength in Numbers

- ▶ Let us build each other up.
  - ▶ So the church can become stronger.
- ▶ Be Grateful for our Church Family.
  - ▶ And show it through building better relationships.
- ▶ Do the Work of God
  - ▶ By letting God work through us.
- ▶ Glorify Him
  - ▶ So that we may be glorified.