

I. THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

- A. **THE BODY OF CHRIST** (Head; 1Cor.12:27,28,12f; 1:2; Eph.1:22,23; 3:6; 4:12; 5:23f,30; Col.1:18,24)
- B. **THE BRIDE OF CHRIST** (Husband; see Eph.5:25f; Rev.19:7f; 21:2; see 1Tm.3:5,15 w/Gal.6:10)
- C. **THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST** (King; Ps.2,110; Eph.1:19-23; Phil.2:9-11)
- D. **THE BUILDING OF CHRIST** (Cornerstone; 1Cor.3:16,10; Eph.2:20; 1Pt.2:4f)
- E. **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST** (Mystery; 1Tm.3:15,16; Rom.10:9,10(Lk6:45); i.e., *Confession*(al), *Testimony*)
- F. **UNION WITH CHRIST: THE DISTINCTIVE OF THE CHURCH** (*of Christ*; into(out/in); Col.1:13; 3:15; Rom.6:3-5; Mt.28:19)
- G. **THEREFORE UNION WITH CHRISTIANS** (see *Rom.12:5*; 1Cor.12:12f; Eph.2:11f,15,16; 4:25)

II. THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH IN BAPTISM

- A. **INTO** (Rom.6:3,4; (11:17,19,23f); 1Cor.10:2; 12:13; Gal.3:27)
- B. **ADDED TO** (Acts 2:41,47; 5:14; 11:24)
- C. **MEMBERSHIP** (Rom.12:4,5; 1Cor.6:15; 12:12f,27; Eph.3:6; 4:25; 5:30)
- D. **A PART of vs. APART from** (see Eph.2:12f)
- E. **ROOT & BRANCHES** (Gen.3:24f; 6:18f; 17:7f; Acts 2:39; 16:31; see Rom.11:16f; 20&23)
- F. **MOST TEACHING *FOLLOWS*** (Mt.28:19f; see Acts 2:22f;41 | 42)
- G. **CONCLUSION: BAPTISM → MEMBERSHIP** (see 1Cor.12:13; 25,27)

III. THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

- A. **ONE LOAF, ONE CUP; ONE BODY** (1Cor.10:2; 16,17)
- B. **HOSPITALITY EXPIRATION DATE** (see Heb.12:3; see Lk.9:4; Acts 9:43; 28:14)
- C. **CONCLUSION: COMMUNION ← MEMBERSHIP** (see 1Cor.10:16,17; 12:25)

IV. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE TRUTHS

- A. **THE CHURCH IS *VISIBLE*** (I above; see Gen.2:7; see baptism, the Lord's Supper)
- B. **THE CHURCH IS *RELATIONAL*** (I above; see Rom.12:5; 1Cor.12:27; Eph.4:16a)
- C. **THE CHURCH IS *COVENANTED*** (I above; see Heb.6:13f; 2Cor.6:14)
- D. **THE CHURCH IS *PARTICIPATORY*** (I above; see 1Cor.10:2,16; 12:25; Eph.4:16b; Phil.4:15)

V. *BE BAPTIZED & ADDED!* (Acts 2:41,42; 1Cor.10:3,16f; 12:13; Eph.2:12f; 4:16)

Discussion questions:

Brethren, what shall **we do**? (see Acts 2:37f)

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