

# **THE BODY OF CHRIST**

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## **MESSAGE ONE: THE REALITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST**

### **I. The Body, the church, is constituted with the divine life of the Triune God as its substance and Christ's resurrection as its realm.**

A. The ultimate apprehension of it comes through the full knowledge of Christ by continuously abiding in a spirit of wisdom and revelation (Eph. 1:17).

B. It is constituted with the riches of the glory of the Lord's inheritance in the saints and participated in with those who live in the hope of His calling with the eyes of their heart having been enlightened (Eph. 1:18).

C. It is constituted with the surpassing greatness of His power with the operation of the might of His strength for us to participate in (Eph. 1:19).

D. It is substantiated through the headship of Christ in His resurrection (Eph. 1:22).

E. It is the fullness of the One who fills all in all (Eph. 1:23).

### **II. The aspects of the Body.**

A. The Body, the church, is the new man, created with Christ as his life, element and person to accomplish God's eternal purpose (Eph. 2:15).

B. The Body, the church, was produced through the death of Christ in His the physical body to reconcile all believers, and having slain all the enmity, so making peace (Eph. 2:15-16).

C. The Body, the church, is the kingdom of God, constituted with all the saints as the fellow citizens and no one should be strangers and sojourners (Eph. 2:19).

D. The Body, the church, is the household of God, where all the saints are members for God to have an abode (Eph 2:19).

1. The Body, the church, is the temple in the Lord as His testimony (Eph. 2:21).

a. Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets (Eph. 2:20a).

b. With Christ as the unique cornerstone (Eph. 2:20b).

c. With the saints being fit together, growing with the growth of God.  
(Eph. 2:21)

2. The Body, the church, is the dwelling place of God for His rest, by the saints being built together in spirit (Eph. 2:22).

E. The Body, the church, is the bride of the Lord to satisfy Him.

1. He is the head of the church and the Savior of the Body (Eph. 5:23).

2. He sanctifies her (Eph. 5:26a).

3. He cleanses her by the washing of the water in the word (Eph. 5:26b).

4. He might present her to Himself glorious, without spot or wrinkle, but holy and without blemish (Eph. 5:27).