

Lesson 8

Title: "The Church - The Body of Christ"

Jesus said the kingdom of God is entered by water and Spirit (John 3:5). He also tells us that the kingdom of God comes not with observation, neither shall they say, Lo here! Or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. (Luke 17:20-21). When one is born again, they not only become part of the kingdom of God but they become the body of Christ.

1. Read Colossians 3:15

a. Let the peace of God rule in your _____, to the which also ye are _____ in _____; and be ye _____

2. Read Ephesians 1:15-23

a. According to verses 17-18, what was Apostle Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus? That God may give unto you the _____ and _____ in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your _____ being _____; that ye may know what is the _____ of his calling.

b. God has given the name of _____ to be above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in _____.

c. According to verses 22-23, The church, is the Lord's _____, the fulness of him that filleth _____.

3. Read Ephesians 2:11-22

a. Did gentiles always have the hope of God? _____

b. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh _____.

c. For he is our peace, who hath made Jew and Gentile (both) _____, and hath _____ down the middle _____ between us.

d. By the death of Jesus Christ, he abolished in his flesh the _____, even the _____; to make in Himself of two, one _____.

e. That He might reconcile _____ unto God in _____ by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.

f. Through Christ we _____ have access by one _____ unto the Father.

g. Now we are built upon the foundation of the _____ and _____, Jesus Christ himself being the _____.

h. Being an holy temple in the Lord: for an _____ of God through the _____.

4. Read Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 2:19; and Ephesians 5:23

a. Who is the head of the body? _____

b. How does the body increase?

1. _____
2. _____

5. Read Ephesians 4:25; Ephesians 5:29-30; and Romans 12:4-5

a. Are we members one another? _____

b. We are members of the Lord's _____, of His _____, and of His _____.

c. For we being many members in one body, do we all hold the same office? _____

6. Read 1Corinthians 12:12-23

a. By one _____ are we all baptized into one _____.

b. If the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? _____

c. If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing?

d. The eye cannot say unto the _____, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the _____, I have no need of you.

e. Much more those _____ of the body, which seem to be more _____, are _____.

The point of what Apostle Paul is saying here, is that we all are part of the body, and all work together as the Lord has seen fit to place us in His body, and those that may seem feeble are very necessary.

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Now that we understand the body of Christ, lets take some time sharing some of the aspects of what the members of the body should do in the Church.

7. Read Hebrews 10:23-25; Titus 1:1-2

- a. Is the Lord faithful? _____
- b. Can God lie? _____
- c. Should we attend Church faithfully? _____

8. Read 1Corinthians 11:23-30

- a. Why do we take communion? _____
- b. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the _____
- c. If you have not truly decided to depart from sin through repentance, should you take communion? _____

9. Read Acts 6:4; Ephesians 6:18; 1Thessalonians 5:15-19; and James 5:11-16;

- a. How often should we pray? _____
- b. What is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you?

- c. Even if all my children die and I lose all my earthly possessions at the same time? _____ (Job 1:14-22)
- d. Should we ever quench the Spirit? _____.
- e. Is swearing a sin? _____
- f. When you pray, are your prayers done with fervency? _____

10. Read Matthew 6:16-21; Luke 2:36-37; Matthew 17:18-21; and Luke 5:33-35

a. How should we fast?

b. Where should your treasures be? _____

c. How often did Anna, the prophetess, fast? _____

d. Do some demons only come out of a person by fasting and prayer?

e. According to Luke 5:35, should we be in fastings? _____

11. Read Philippians 4:4-9

a. How often should we rejoice in the Lord? _____

b. If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, what six things should we think upon?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

I. Read Psalms 22:3; Psalms 150:1-6; and Psalms 141:2

a. Will God inhabit the praise of his people? _____

b. Where should we praise the Lord at, in the _____ of his power.

c. How can we praise him in the firmament (heavens)?

d. Should we dance before the Lord? _____

II. Read Ephesians 5:19-21; Hebrews 2:12; Hebrews 13:15; and Colossians 3:16

a. Should we make melody in our hearts to the Lord throughout the day? _____

b. Should we sing songs in church? _____

c. How often should we offer the sacrifice of praise? _____

d. What is the sacrifice of praise in reference?

According to Colossians 3:16, the lyrics of the songs that we are singing should contain instructions and warnings to the hearers. This is extremely important to bring conviction, victory in battles of a person's life, and to remind us that this world is not our home.

As one particular song comes to mind, This old world is not my home. I'm only passing through. My treasures are laid up, some where beyond the blue. This is of a truth and very scriptural. Don't be a person that is so wrapped up in this life, that you would rather Jesus not come back until you have lived your life. That is not putting Jesus Christ first in your life, to compare the riches of His glory, to the carnality and the lusts of this world, that he is going to purge.

12. Read Philippians 2:2-3; 1Thessalonians 5:11

a. How should we treat our brothers and sisters in the Lord?

b. Should we lift up one another? _____

13. Read Ephesians 4:11-14

a. What is the five-fold ministry? He gave some, _____; and some, _____; and some, _____; and some, _____ and _____.

b. For what three purposes did he give this five-fold ministry? For the _____, for the _____, and for the _____.

c. Until we come into the what? The _____, and of the knowledge of the _____.

d. So that we are no longer tossed _____, and carried about with every _____.

We will conclude this bible study with obedience.

14. Read Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 6:1-3; Ephesians 5:22-28; and Colossians 3:18-25

- a. We should obey them that _____. For they _____ and must give _____.
- b. Children, obey your _____ for this is _____.
- c. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own _____, as unto the Lord.
For the husband is the _____ of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in _____.
- d. _____, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the _____, and gave himself for it; That he might _____ and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. So ought _____ to love their wives as their _____ bodies. He that loveth his _____ loveth himself.

Proverbs 11:27-31;12:1-5

- 27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.
- 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
- 29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.
- 31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.
- 12:1 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.
- 2 A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
- 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

What has the Lord taught you in this Bible Study?