

- 6B The Membership of the Church in the Flesh and Bones of Christ, 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.
- 7B The Creation Connection, 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”
- 8B The Mystery of the Body, the Church, 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
- 9B Meaning: the Love of a Husband for His Wife Teaches the Love of Christ for His Church.

9A CHRIST IS THE HEAD, COLOSSIANS 1:18:

- 1B The Purpose of the Headship of Christ: Preeminence in All Things, 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- 2B Meaning: Christ is Truly Preeminent.

10A CHRIST IS THE KEY TO GROWTH AND REWARD, COLOSSIANS 2:18-19:

- 1B Exhortation to Forsake False Humility and Doctrines, to Obtain the Reward of the Christian Life, 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,
- 2B The Essence of False Doctrine: Not Holding Fast the Head, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.
- 3B Meaning: Get Christ Right, and You Have True Doctrine.

- 3B Christ is the Peace and the Wallbreaker, 14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,
- 4B The Method of the Wallbreaker in Destruction and New Creation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,
- 5B The Reconciliation from Crucifixion, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.
- 6B **Meaning:** *Belief in Christ is the Only Real Middle East Peace Process!*
- 6A THERE IS ONLY ONE BODY OF CHRIST, EPHESIANS 4:4:**
- 1B One Body Implies Unity, 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;
- 7A THE GROWTH OF THE BODY IS THROUGH GIFTED MEN, EPHESIANS 4:11-16:**
- 1B The Distribution of the Spiritual Gifts, 11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
- 2B The Purpose of the Spiritual Gifts, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
- 3B The Goal of the Purpose, vv.13-14, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
- 4B The Method of the Goal of the Purpose, vv.15-16, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.
- 8A THE GREAT ANALOGY, MARRIAGE AND THE BODY, EPHESIANS 5:22-32:**
- 1B Call to Wives for Humble Submission to Their Husbands, with a Pattern, 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- 2B The Analogy of the Headship of Christ over the Church, 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
- 3B The Analogy of the Subjection of the Church and Wives, 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.
- 4B The Analogy of the Love of Christ and Husbands, 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
- 1C The First Purpose of the Love of Christ, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,
- 2C The Second Purpose of the Love of Christ, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.
- 5B The Analogy as It Applies to Husbands, vv.28-29, 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Christ, The Head of the Body, the Church

1A THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, 1 CORINTHIANS 11:1-3:

- 1B A Call to Imitation, 1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.
- 2B Paul Finds Praise for the Corinthians, 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.
- 3B The Chain of Command, 3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.
- 4B Meaning: Christ has authority over the church.

2A THE SPIRITUAL/PHYSICAL CONNECTION IN THE BODY, 1 CORINTHIANS 6:14-17:

- 1B One Resurrection Leads to Another, 14 And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.
- 2B Our Physical Bodies are Members of Christ's Body, 15a Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
- 3B The Simple Rhetorical Question, 15b Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not!
- 4B The One Body Principle of Sexual Union, 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."
- 5B The One Spirit Principle of Union in Christ's Body, 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.
- 6B **Meaning:** *Every Member of the Body of Christ is Joined Spiritually to Christ.*

3A A SINGLE BODY WITH MANY MEMBERS, 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-14:

- 1B That's Why It's Called the Body of Christ, 12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.
- 2B The Baptism of the Spirit Establishes the Unity of the Body, 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

4A THE CHURCH AS THE BODY IS SUBORDINATE TO CHRIST, AND HIS FULLNESS, EPHESIANS 1:22-23:

- 1B The Father's Operation Subordination, 22a And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,
- 2B The Church Body Completes Christ's Headship, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
- 3B **Meaning:** *Christ is not Complete without the Church.*

5A THE BODY OF CHRIST REMOVES THE ENMITY BETWEEN GENTILE AND JEW, EPHESIANS 2:11-16:

- 1B The Former Status of the Gentile Readers, 11-12, 11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
- 2B The New Status in Christ, through the Blood of Christ, 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.