

GOD'S PICTURE OF THE CHURCH

EPHESIANS

**THEME OF ROMANS IS JUSTIFICATION BY
FAITH**

**THEME OF HEBREWS IS SUPERIORITY OF
N.T. OVER THE O.T.**

THEME OF EPHESIANS IS THE CHURCH

THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

EPHESIANS 1:22,23

And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

CHRIST IS THE HEAD

COL.1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

ROMANS 12:5

So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST

RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER

THE CHURCH IS THE PLACE OF RECONCILIATION

ISAIAH 59:1,2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

ROMANS 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

EPHESIANS 2:12-16

That at that time ye 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: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

BY CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS

MAN IS RECONCILED TO GOD

MAN IS RECONCILED TO MAN

CROSS IS THE MEANS

CHURCH IS THE PLACE

**THE CHURCH IS IN THE ETERNAL PURPOSE
OF GOD**

EPHESIANS 3:10,11

**To the intent that now unto the principalities
and powers in heavenly *places* might be
known by the church the manifold wisdom
of God, 11 According to the eternal purpose
which he purposed in Christ Jesus our
Lord:**

NOT AFTERTHOUGHT NOR SUBSTITUTE

SO MANY TODAY DEVALUE CHURCH

VALUE GOD PLACED ON CHURCH

ACTS 20:28

**Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and
to all the flock, over the which the Holy
Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the
church of God, which he hath purchased
with his own blood.**

ONLY ONE CHURCH

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

JOHN 17:20,21

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

I CORINTHIANS 1:10

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

THE CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

EPHESIANS 5:23-32

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

ROMANS 7:4

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ.

THE CHURCH IS THE LORD'S ARMY

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2 TIMOTHY 2:3

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ

**NOT GUNS AND BOMBS BUT SPIRITUAL
BATLE FOR SOULS OF MEN**

EPHESIANS 6:10-16

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;
