

The Body, The Family, The Bride

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I. The Church is a _____.

EPHESIANS 5:23 Christ is the head of the church, His body,
1 CORINTHIANS 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ...
ROMANS 12:5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

II. The Church is a _____.

1 JOHN 3:1,2 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are... 2 Beloved, we are God's children now,
2 CORINTHIANS 6:18 and I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me,

III. The Church is His _____.

REVELATION 21:2,9 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband... 9 ...“Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

EPHESIANS 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Discuss this statement: “How I think and feel about the Church reveals how much I understand the heart of Christ.”
2. In your own words, answer this question, “What is the Church?”
3. What does it mean to you that the Church is the physical representation of Jesus Christ to the world?
4. How does seeing the Church as Christ's Body affect the way you treat it?
5. Discuss this statement: “You cannot be a part of the body apart from the body.”
6. How does viewing the Church as your family change the way you treat it?
7. How has the Church been like a family to you?
8. Do you love the Church? Explain.

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