



THE BODY OF CHRIST

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THIS IS CHURCH Series

Metaphors for the CHURCH

- We are a HOUSE
- We are a FAMILY
- We are CITIZENS of a Kingdom

The metaphor we speak today about is about the BODY of Christ. A metaphor is also a mystery.

Matthew 13:11—He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

In Ephesians Paul talks a lot about this mystery of the Church.

Ephesians 1:22-23 (NLT)— God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. 23 And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself..

Paul is talking about the fact that we had been born again, and when Jesus went back to heaven, Jesus was made head for the benefit of the body.

Scripture says: Jesus is the head and we who are part of CLM are the body. We are connected to the head. If we are not connected to the head, you are not the BODY.

JESUS's BODY stayed on earth.

The BODY of Christ has never left the earth since 2000 years. We are HIS BODY.

The head instructs the body what to do. And then the body does it.

The BODY of CHRIST functions because there is a HEAD.

The BODY of CHRIST is connected to JESUS who is the HEAD.

You can't be part of the Church unless you are BORN AGAIN. And when we are born again, we are set in a BODY. God is the one that put you in that BODY.

Your body is here to do what the head is telling you to do.

JESUS has things He wants to be done in the world. But He has a BODY that is often doing its own thing. —It's very uncomfortable if the body is not under the authority of the head.

A hand can do a lot of things. When a hand is cut off, it will die.

We are put into a body, but if we are separated from the body, we can't do anything.

If we separate ourselves from the BODY, we lose strength. The hand can do whatever it wants, but this freedom is very short lived, because your strength is cut off.

And if you're not connected, you lose purpose.

Outside of CHRIST we don't even have PURPOSE.

When we separate from the BODY, we lose purpose—you also lose direction. The thing that was showing you the way of life is gone.

When you separate from Jesus's BODY, you eventually are going to die.

JESUS fashioned you a certain way to fit into the BODY. Everyone of us is fashioned to have a function.—A liver is important but you can't see it. If everybody is not in their place, we start to look weird, and the job of the liver is not done, and the whole body is suffering.

The way to learn to function is that you show up in your place and you start learning.

When you are not in the place God has for you, you can't grow.

We got to stay in the BODY, stay connected —but also stay in the place...

When one part of the BODY decides not to do its job, the whole body might even get sick.

It's not only you that's going to suffer, but the whole BODY might get to a stop.

IN THE BODY WE ALL HAVE A PART TO DO.

In the BODY of CHRIST it's not us who pick the team. It's God who puts us together.

We are a CORPORATE BODY.

If you have an infection in your body, and you don't clean it up, it could spread in the body. If we get hurt and we don't clean it up, infection is setting in in the body. If you don't take care of it, it will be spreading.

Don't allow offence, discord, strife, bitterness, gossip etc. to grow into bitterness and infect the body.

The Bible is written to the whole BODY.

God is in this time shifting us not to just see ourselves as INDIVIDUALS, but we are a BODY together.

There is a mystery attached to the CHURCH.—In the time of the Old Testament, they didn't know about the Church.

1 Peter 1:10-11 Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, 11 searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

The prophets of old caught glimpses of the House of God, but they didn't know what it was. It was hidden from them. Only after Jesus died and rose again, it has been revealed

Ephesians 3

Salvation was just the beginning.

God send JESUS. God wanted a Bride for His Son.

Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [a]moves on the earth."

Text

Genesis 2:21-22 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He [a]made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

This is the mystery. Adam would now have a partner.

This had not been revealed till Jesus died.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

They pierced Jesus in His side. Out of His side blood and water flow. And 50 days later, the first CHURCH is born.

You are now HIS BODY to increase the KINGDOM.

YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST!—You are carrying the presence of Jesus wherever you go.

This is CHURCH—To be the BODY OF CHRIST.

The CHURCH is God's SECRET WEAPON.

Ephesians 3:10-11— to the intent that now the [a]manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal

When you understand that you're part of a BODY, we preach to the principalities and powers in heaven.

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Every time we come together, ...

It is the BODY under the HEADSHIP of Jesus that will...

The Body is under the Headship of Jesus and we hold back the darkness by following Him and uniting as one body. WE ARE THE BODY!!!!

God is stirring us into a new place

PRAYER

Ephesians 1:17-22 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your [f]understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality[g] and [h]power and [i]might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Tithes & Offerings / Pastor Dennis Harding

Psalms 23:1—The Lord is our Shepherd, I shall not want (lack)

Text

Luke 12:29-30—And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

Jesus is dealing with that anxiousness. Our head knows what we need.

There is an order in the KINGDOM. And if we flow in that order of the Kingdom, God says we will not lack. When we declare, Father, I put my trust in You. As I give today, and honor you with my tithe, I'm coming in my legal position. As the head, you know what I need.

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