

Series: Understanding the Body of Christ

Tonight's Lesson: "Are You a Member of the One Body?"

Introduction

- In this dispensation of grace, God is forming a brand _____ organism, called the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 3:1-6
- In this dispensation, a person is either:
 - _____ in his trespasses and sins - Ephesians 2:1
 - _____ in Christ - Ephesians 2:4-5
- God is taking believers and bringing them into spiritual _____ with Jesus Christ, and forming the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 1:22-23
- It is absolutely crucial that every believer understands what God's Word teaches about the body of Christ. If not, we will never understand the purpose and plan of God for this dispensation of grace.
- Here is the first foundational truth that every believer must grasp:

There is only one body of Christ, not many.

1. The Bible is emphatic that every person who is saved is reconciled to God in _____ body. Ephesians 2:15-16
2. According to Ephesians 1:22-23, how does Paul define the _____? He defines it as Christ's body.
 - All who are part of Christ's body have been raised up and **seated** in _____ places. Ephesians 2:6
3. Paul is writing to a group of local assemblies in Galatia (Galatians 1:2), yet he declares that they are all _____ in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26-28).
 - You become part of the one body by _____ alone in Jesus Christ.
 - The moment a believing sinner trusts Jesus Christ, God's Spirit baptizes him into a _____ union with Jesus Christ.
 - *"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."* **1 Corinthians 12:13**

4. Local churches should be composed of individuals who have been made _____ with Christ and are members of the one body, the heavenly church.
5. The most crucial question that every person must ask himself is not, "Am I a member of a _____ church?"
6. The question is, "Have I trusted Christ as my Savior and been brought into a spiritual union with Jesus Christ, and become a member of the one body, the body of _____?"