



The Folds of the Church

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In this article we will look at the different folds of the church. In John 10 Jesus says,

“16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

Here Jesus is talking to the Jews and says he has other sheep which are not of this fold. This tells us that there are other folds.

In Matthew 16 Jesus says,

“18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Please notice:

“... I will build my church...”

CHURCH - singular. He does not say CHURCHES – plural.

So in this article we will show by scriptures that Jesus has ONE church and that this church has several folds in it.

Now under Dispensationalism we were taught that these different groups of believers were different CHURCHES but we will come back to that later. For right now let's prove by scripture that there are different groups of believers.

In John 20 Jesus told Thomas,

“29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

Here Jesus is showing us two classes of believers:

1. Those that saw the Lord and believed.
2. Those that did not see the Lord and believed.

He said that those that did not see and yet believed are blessed. All of us that are reading this article HAVE NOT seen the Lord but we believed anyway.

The 12 apostles saw the Lord, we did not.

This is not a great way to rightly divide but it does show us that Jesus acknowledges two classes of believers.

In Revelation 7 it says,

“3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.”

And in Revelation 14 it says,

“1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.”

In the future there will be this group of believers known as the 144,000. As we read, these people are all virgin males from the twelve tribes of Israel.

Peter does not belong to this group of believers for he does not qualify. Peter was not a virgin but rather had a wife. In Matthew 8 it says,

“14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.”

So Peter did not qualify to be in the group of the 144,000. Peter is in a different group of believers.

These different groups of believers are called “folds” by the Lord Jesus Christ as we already covered. Jesus has one church that consists of several folds.

But Dispensationalism teaches that these different folds of believers are different CHURCHES and Jesus has more than one church.

Dispensationalism teaches if groups of believers have different traits and different characteristics that each group is in their own church. With this doctrine they make up different churches and teach that Jesus has more than one church.

Example:

Dispensationalism takes the fold Peter is in and calls it the “KINGDOM CHURCH”. This term “kingdom church” is nowhere to be found in the King James bible. It is a man-made term.

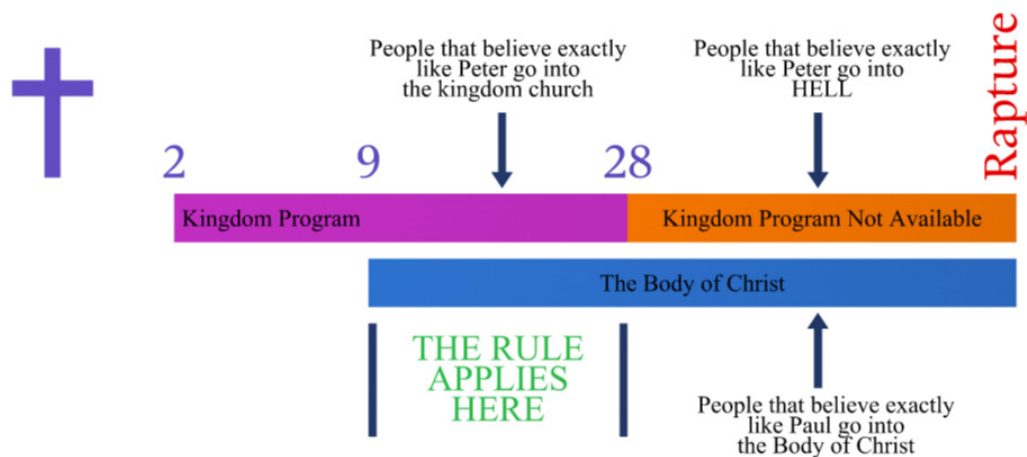
They do this so they can call the fold Paul is in “the church the body of Christ” or the “body church”.

Dispensationalism teaches that Peter and company are not partakers of Christ’s body therefore they made up a new church for Peter and company to be in.

They take the fact that Peter never used the term “the church the body of Christ” and Paul did use it, that Paul was in the church the body of Christ and Peter was not.

Because these two different folds have different traits and different characteristics, Dispensationalism puts them into two separate churches and claim that Peter and Paul cannot be in the same church.

This chart shows a typical example of Dispensationalism putting Peter and Paul in separate churches:



Where it says, “THE RULE APPLIES HERE” this is just another one of the hidden rules of Dispensationalism which is:

HIDDEN RULE OF DISPENSATIONALISM:

“If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ through Peter’s preaching then you go into the “kingdom church”. If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ through Paul’s preaching then you go into the “church which is his body”.

So this teaching of Dispensationalism claims that between Acts 9 and Acts 28, there are two separate churches that you have access to and can belong to depending on who preaches to you.

Dispensationalism has the “kingdom church” starting in Acts 2 and the “body of Christ church” starting in Acts 9 with the apostle Paul.

Dispensationalism claims that Israel was “SET ASIDE” in Acts 28 and this is when the “kingdom program” ceased and God no longer added people to the kingdom church.

In doing so, many Dispensationalists have told me that anyone that believes on the Lord Jesus Christ exactly as Peter does after Acts 28 will go to hell because people can no longer be added to the kingdom church after Acts 28.

So in a nutshell, Dispensationalism teaches that Jesus has more than one church and that different groups of believers that have different traits and different characteristics have to be in different churches.

HIDDEN RULE OF DISPENSATIONALISM:

“Different groups of believers that have different traits and different characteristics cannot be in the same church. They have to be in separate churches”.

So what we will do is take this teaching of Dispensationalism and be true Bereans and put it to the test to see if it is true or not. So for the time being, let’s say this teaching of Dispensationalism is correct so we can test it.

If this teaching is correct, then we simply have to take other groups of believers and claim they are in separate churches also. Dispensationalism disregards the other groups of believers.

We have already mentioned about the 144,000 how they are a special group of believers that Peter could not be part of. So we have to make the 144,000 a separate church also.

Let's call it: "The 144,000 church".

In Revelation 4 it says,

"4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold."

And in Revelation 5 it says,

"8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

So here is another group of believers that were redeemed by the blood of Christ. They are a very special group that consists of only 24 elders.

They are certainly not Peter's group of believers which consists of thousands of men and woman Jews, neither are they the 144,000, neither are they of the great multitude of Revelation 7.

So we have to put these 24 elders in their own church.

Let's call it: "The 24 elders church".

As mentioned, Dispensationalism has a set of hidden rules they go by. Another hidden rule is this:

HIDDEN RULE OF DISPENSATIONALISM:

“There is nothing in the old testament scriptures or outside of Paul’s epistles that is to us, for us or about us. There is no scripture outside of Paul’s epistles that applies to the church the body of Christ.”

If we take this rule and believe it then these next verses of scriptures tell us of another group of believers that are not the church the body of Christ and therefore have to be another separate church.

In Revelation 7 it says,

“9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

Well, this group of believers is definitely not Peter’s group for they go into heaven. It is not the 144,000. It is not the 24 elders. And Dispensationalism will not allow us to believe it is us...

..so...

... the great multitude of Revelation 7 has to be another separate church.

Let’s call it: “The Great Multitude Church”

So using the teachings of Dispensationalism, we have to claim that every different group of believers that has different traits and different characteristics has to be in its own separate church for Dispensationalism teaches that they cannot be in the same church.

So using Dispensationalism, let’s count the number of churches that Christ has so far:

1. Kingdom church (Peter’s group)
2. The church which is his body (Paul’s group)
3. The 24 elders church
4. The 144,000 church
5. The great multitude church

So using Dispensationalism here we have 5 separate churches that are redeemed by the blood of Christ or will be redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Now let's get into some of the problem scriptures that go against this teaching of Dispensationalism.

In 1st Timothy 3 Paul says,

“15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

Notice:

“...the house of God, which is the church of the living God...”

Paul and Timothy were both in the house of God which is the church of the living God.

In 1st Peter 4 Peter says,

“17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”

Notice:

“... judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us...”

OOPS!

Peter was also in the house of God which is the church of the living God.

Now using the teachings of Dispensationalism, there are several things we can do to get around this:

1. Avoid 1st Timothy 3:15 and 1st Peter 4:17 and never use them together as we teach and continue to claim that Peter and Paul were in separate churches.
2. Just use 1st Timothy 3 and just totally avoid 1st Peter 4 altogether and continue to claim that Peter and Paul were in separate churches.

3 Just say “It does not mean that, it means something else”

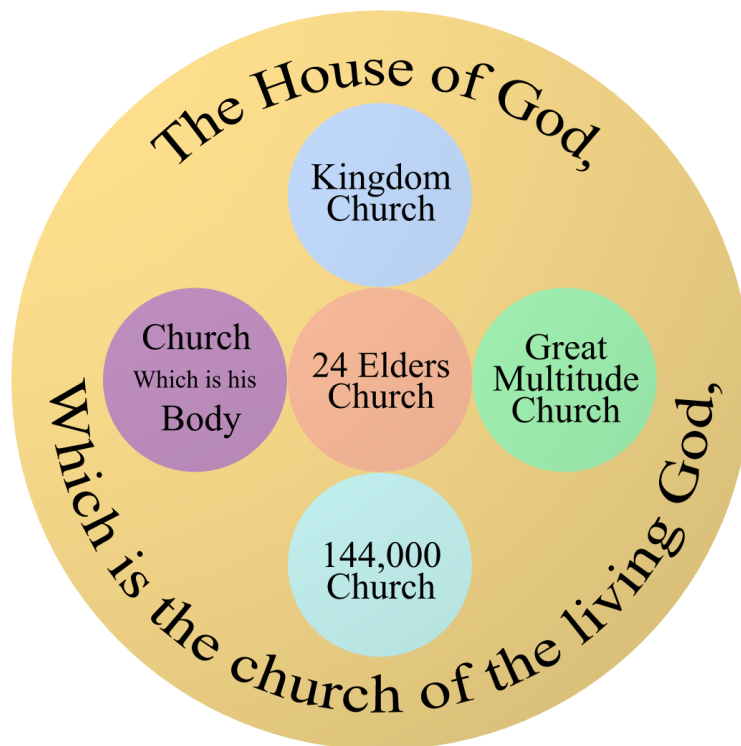
4. Claim that there are two separate houses of God

5. Somehow, someway reconcile these two verses together.

We cannot learn scripture by avoiding scripture. That is not the route to take.

If we were to just avoid scripture this means we are defending the teachings of Dispensationalism and avoiding the scriptures that go against it. If we say, “It does not mean that”, then we cannot go around teaching that the bible means what it says. That would open up a big can of worms.

If we were to claim that there are two or more separate houses of God, then we would have to back it up with scripture which cannot be done. Now if we were to try to reconcile these verses together, what we could do is take Peter’s church, Paul’s church and all the other churches we discussed and put them all in one big church as this chart indicates:



Doing it this way we can keep Peter and Paul in their separate churches and still have them both in the house of God which is the church of the living God which is represented by the big gold circle with all the other churches inside of it.

Fixed the problem. Right?

Well, not so quickly. There are problems with this. What we have done using the teachings of Dispensationalism we have now created 6 different churches. Five different groups of believers all contained in one big church.

This goes against scripture. Again in Matthew 16 Jesus says,

“18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Jesus says, “... MY CHURCH...”

Jesus does not say, “...MY CHURCHES...”

So using Dispensationalism when we cover Matthew 16:18 we have to tell everyone, “Jesus really meant churches”.

That simply does not fly.

Here is the next problem:

If we take all these different groups of believers which we have called churches, and take them and put them into one big church, here is what we have done:

We have proved to ourselves that a church can have more than one group of believers in it.

So we can either avoid all these problem scriptures as we teach, or claim the bible does not mean what it says, or claim God has more than one house, or believe that a church can have more than one group of believers in it.

Now if we go with the latter, that a church can have more than one group of believers in it, then we can go back to John 10 which says,

“16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.”

Then we can start to see that these different groups of believers are called “FOLDS” by the Lord Jesus Christ and not churches as Dispensationalism teaches.

Jesus says, “... MY CHURCH...” and tells us about the different folds in his church.

But Dispensationalism teaches that Paul was the only one to talk about Christ’s body which is not true. Christ was the first to talk about his body.

In John 6 Jesus told the Jews,

“51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.”

Notice:

“...Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.”

In order for Peter and the apostles to have life they had to partake of the flesh and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the exact same flesh and blood that Paul was partaker of. In Ephesians 5 Paul says,

“30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”

There is not one flesh of Christ for Peter and a separate flesh of Christ for Paul. It is all the same flesh. It is the same body. It is the same blood.

In Matthew 26 Jesus says,

“26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

In 1st Corinthians 11 Paul says,

“23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.”

It's the same blood, the same flesh, the same body.

In Revelation 5 it says,

“9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;”

The blood that redeemed the 24 elders is the same blood that redeemed the apostle Paul and us.

In Ephesians 1 Paul says,

“7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”

There is not a different blood for Paul and a different blood for the 24 elders, it is all the same blood of Christ though they are in different folds.

Anyone partaker of Christ's blood is partakers of Christ's flesh. They cannot be separated.

Again Jesus said in John 6,

“53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.”

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.”

In order to have life, they have to be partakers of Christ's flesh and blood.

Peter, Paul, the 24 elders and the 144,000 are all partakers of Christ's flesh and blood. They are all in the same church though they are in different folds.

Dispensationalism teaches that there cannot be any differences in the church the body of Christ but that is not what Paul says.

In 1st Corinthians 12 Paul is talking about the church which is his body and says,

“4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.”

According to the apostle Paul, the body of Christ can have different gifts, different administrations and different operations. Not everything is the same.

So the administrations of the apostle Paul and the 144,000 may be different and their operations may be different but they can still be in the same body according to the apostle Paul.

But Dispensationalism does not allow us to believe this. Dispensationalism teaches that Paul was in the body of Christ but the apostles were not. Therefore Dispensationalism will not allow us to believe the scriptures mean what they say.

Example:

In 1st Corinthians 12 Paul is talking about the church the body of Christ and Paul says,

“27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?”

Notice:

“...And God hath set some in the church, first apostles...”

Dispensationalism will not allow us to believe that Paul is referring to the 12 apostles here for Dispensationalism teaches that the 12 apostles were not partaker of Christ’s body.

But 3 chapters later Paul says,

“5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

Here Paul is talking about the 12 apostles and he even names them. This is the same apostles of chapter 12, but Dispensationalism will not allow us to believe that.

In Ephesians 2 Paul talks about the fold or group of believers that Christ made in himself to save the uncircumcised Gentiles which Paul calls “the one new man”. In Ephesians 2 Paul says,

“11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 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:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;”

Notice:

“...for to make in himself of twain one new man,...”

This is the term Paul uses to describe the fold or group of believers made up of the circumcision and uncircumcision.

Also notice:

“...And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets...”

Paul says this one new man is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

Once again, Dispensationalism will not allow us to believe that these apostles are the 12 apostles for Dispensationalism teaches that Peter and the 11 are not partakers of Christ's body.

In Ephesians 3 Paul says,

“1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:”

Notice:

“...and of the same body...”

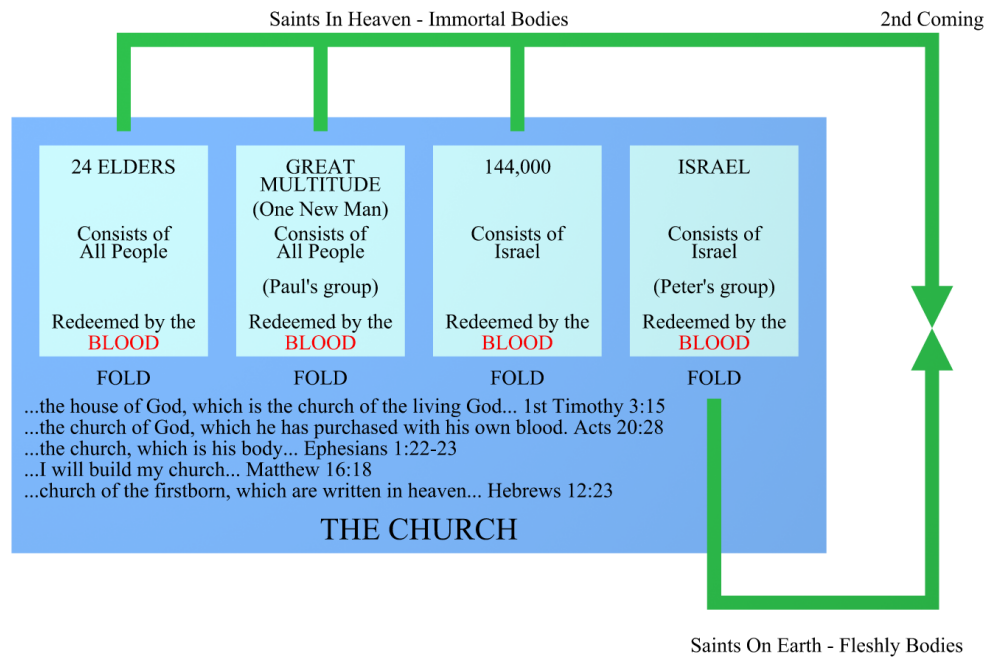
Same body as who?

The apostles and prophets of verse 5.

Again, Dispensationalism will not allow us to believe that these apostles are the 12 apostles, Peter and company, for Dispensationalism teaches that the 12 are not partakers of Christ's body.

So what have seen thus far is that the teachings of Dispensationalism will not allow us to believe the scriptures mean what they say. This is caused by the hidden rules of Dispensationalism, if you believe the rules, then you can't believe the scriptures.

So what we have seen in scripture is that Christ has one church which is called by several names and within this church we have several different groups of believers which Jesus calls folds as this chart indicates:



This is not complicated and is not difficult to understand.

Even in the world we have organizations that have several different groups in them. Let's take the National Football League for example.

It is an organization that has many different groups in it as this following chart indicates:

National Football League

AFC



NFC



In the National Football League (the NFL), represented in blue, we have two major groups they call conferences. There is the American Football Conference (AFC) and the National Football Conference (NFC).

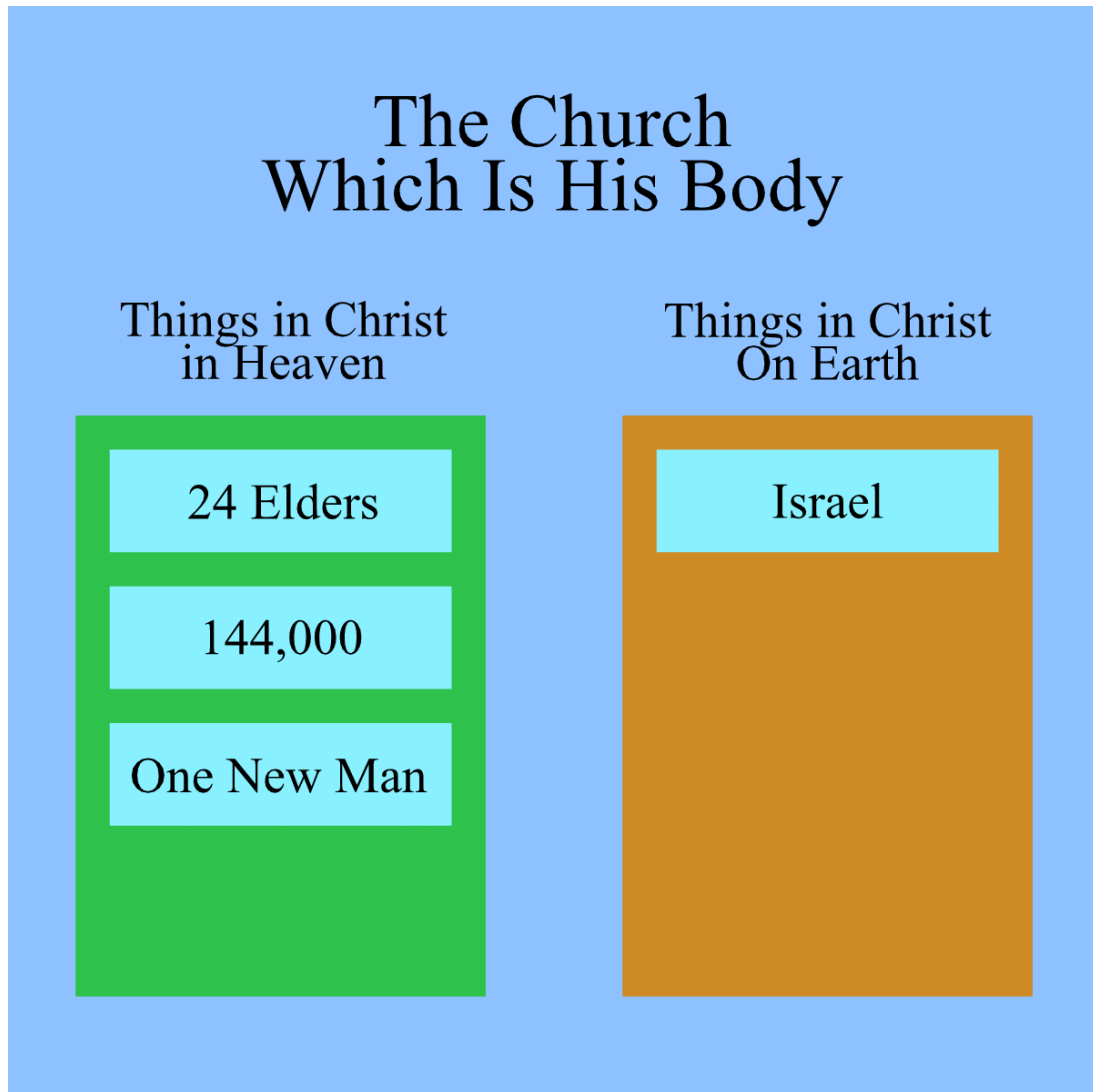
Each conference has different groups in them which they call divisions and each division has 4 teams in it for a total of 32 teams.

The members of the AFC are not members of the NFC but they are all members of the NFL.

The members of the AFC East are not members of the AFC West but they are all members of the AFC which makes them members of the NFL.

Get the picture?

Now let's change the names on the chart to match the church the body of Christ:



Now we have the Church Which is His Body represented in blue. In the body of Christ there are two major groups:

1. The things in Christ in Heaven
2. The things in Christ on Earth

... as Paul tells us in Ephesians 1 which says,

“10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:”

Eventually, the things in Christ in heaven will make it to heaven and when the time comes the Lord Jesus will gather them all together in one which we will discuss later.

But for right now we just want to show the different groups of believers that are in Christ and partakers of his flesh and blood.

So looking at organizations such as the NFL we can clearly see that an organization can have different groups in it and groups can have sub-groups.

The same goes for Christ’s church, he just calls these different groups “folds” because the members of these groups are the sheep which he laid down his life for.

In John 10 Jesus says,

“15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

Christ laid down his life for the sheep. If Christ died for you and bare your sin, then you are one of the sheep and he put you into one of his folds.

Sure, Dispensationalism teaches that we today that are saved are not sheep, but rather just members of his body, but Paul says quite differently.

In the book of Acts Paul went to the city of Ephesus and led Gentiles to the Lord. In Acts 20 he asks for the elders of the church of Ephesus to meet him in Miletus and he tells them,

“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.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

Notice:

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock...”

Also,

“...shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.”

These Gentiles that Paul led to the Lord were in a flock, Paul says so.

Again, Christ laid down his life for the sheep. If he laid down his life for you then you are one of the sheep.

So not only are we members of his body, we are also Christ's sheep and he is the good Shepherd.

Dispensationalism, in its zeal to separate Peter and Paul's groups, claims things that are not scriptural.

Example:

Dispensationalism teaches that Christ is Israel's Messiah but not our Messiah.

In John 1 it says,

“40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.”

Messiah means Christ.

Christ = Messiah

Messiah = Christ

Jesus Christ = Jesus Messiah

There are many things Dispensationalism does to try to separate the different groups of Peter and Paul and putting them in separate churches is just one of them.

Dispensationalism makes divisions where there are no divisions and separations where there are no separations.

Plus, Dispensationalism refuses to show the things that Peter and Paul's different folds have in common.

Again, Dispensationalism simply will not allow us to believe the scripture means what it says, therefore I have abandoned this man-made doctrine of Dispensationalism in favor of believing the King James means exactly what it says and I encourage all believers to do the same.

So this article has covered the basics of the folds of the church. We have seen where that Christ does not have several different churches but rather just one church that has several different groups of believers in it which he calls folds.

At the second coming of Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ will gather together in one all of these folds together and they shall become one fold.

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At the second coming of Christ the Lord will gather all these folds together in one and he shall be glorified in his saints and his saints shall be glorified in him.

In 1st Thessalonians 3 Paul says,

“12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.”

The Lord will be coming back with ALL his saints that are with him in heaven, not just some of them as Dispensationalism teaches and they will be gathered together with the saints on earth and be glorified in him and him in his saints.

In 2nd Thessalonians 1 Paul says,

“7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

As you look on the 2017 Grace Bible Study time chart, you can see the representation of the church in BLUE and the different folds in the church represented in different colors.

Some of these folds go into heaven and some do not, but they will all be gathered together at the second coming of Christ and become one fold.

Here is the link to the new Grace Bible Study 2017 Interactive Time Chart:

<http://www.gracebiblestudy.net/Charts/UltraHD/GBS-Interactive-Time-Chart-2017.html>

Dispensationalism teaches that Paul's group (church the body of Christ) has an ETERNAL HEAVENLY INHERITANCE while Peter's group (kingdom church) has an ETERNAL EARTHLY INHERITANCE and they stay separate for all eternity, but this is contrary to the teachings of Paul.

This doctrine of the ETERNAL HEAVENLY INHERITANCE comes from the Acts 28 doctrine claiming that a NEW body started in Acts 28 which has an inheritance which is separate from Israel. This doctrine has heavily influenced Dispensationalism.

In our next article, we will show the differences between the different folds of the church.

Even though some of you might know most of the differences, I encourage you to read the article:

“The Differences of the Folds of the Church”

Thanks for reading.

**“... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved...”**

Acts 16:31