

7 Critical Doctrines of Christianity – Lesson Five -Teacher’s Notes

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Introduction: One Body – The church

What do the scripture tell us of the one church?

From the scriptures, we are told of “the church”. One Body of believers united in Christ and His teachings (Acts 2:47 Acts 2:42). The scriptures have no concept of today’s versions of what goes by the name of Christianity. One Body – The church. Not tens of thousands of differing groups claiming to be a part of the whole.

- I. The One Body is the One Church
 - a. Col. 1:18
 - b. Eph. 1:22-23
 - c. Rom. 16:16
 - d. I Cor. 12:12
- II. The One Body is the New Kingdom
 - a. Mark 9:1
 - b. Luke 17:20-21
 - c. John 18:33-37
 - d. Acts 1:6-8
 - e. Acts 2:1-4
 - f. Col. 1:13-14
 - g. Rev. 1:9
- III. The church is the “Called Out.” Greek “ecclesia” english “church” = “the called out.” Notice terms of what they are called into...
 - a. I Cor. 1:1-2> The Church of God
 - b. Rom. 16:16> The Church of Christ
 - c. Acts 19:8> The Kingdom of God
 - d. Col. 1:13> The Kingdom of God’s Dear Son
 - e. I Cor. 3:16-17> The Temple of God
 - f. Eph. 3:14-15> The Family of God
 - g. Col. 1:18> The Body of Christ
- IV. The Nature of This Calling
 - a. Heb. 3:1 Heavenly Calling
 - b. I Thess. 4:7, 2 Tim. 1:9 & I Pet. 1:15> Holy Calling
 - c. I Pet. 5:10, I Cor. 7:15 & 2 Tim. 1:7-9> Devine Calling

- V. **How Are We Called? Through the Gospel.**
 - a. **II Thess. 2:13-14**
 - b. **Rom. 10:12-17**
 - c. **Matt. 11:28-30**
 - d. **II Cor. 5:20**
- VI. **Into What Are We Called? Again, See III Above.**
- VII. **The Church is the Universal Body of the Redeemed People**
 - a. **Is. 2:2-3**
 - b. **Gal. 3:26-29**
 - c. **Rom. 1:16**
 - d. **Rom. 9:25 = Hosea 2:23**
 - e. **Rom. 9:26 = Hosea 1:10**
 - f. **Rom. 15:12 = Is. 11:10**
 - g. **Acts 13:47 = Is. 42:6**
 - h. **Matt. 4:14-16 = Is. 42:7**
 - i. **Acts 15:16-18 = Amos 9:11**

Conclusion:

The One (Universal) Body is under The One (Universal) Head, Christ. There is but one head and one body, made up of many members (I Cor. 12:14), but one body (I Cor. 12:12). The word of God does not advocate a church for the Jews and another for the gentiles. God made of two one new man (Christian) Eph 2:15.