

Christ and the Church (Colossians 1:18-27)

Four Word Pictures

1. The church is a _____ – of Christ, the _____ (vv. 18, 24)
 - Rom. 12:4-5 – many _____, one body
 - 1 Cor. 12:12-14 – one body by the _____
 - Eph. 1:22-23 – *God gave Christ as _____ to the church*
2. The church as a _____ (vv. 26-27) – new revelation
 - Eph. 2:11-18; 3:1-10 - Gentiles are fellow-_____
3. The church is a _____ (1 Tim. 3:15; Eph. 2:19-22)
 - Of God
 - Has a _____ – Christ is the _____
1 Cor. 3:11 / Isa. 28:16 / Mt. 21:42 / 1 Pet. 2:5
 - Mt. 16:18 – Jesus is the foundation and the _____
4. The church is a _____ – of _____ (Eph. 5:25-32)
Rev. 19:7-9

Take-Away – The church is near to the _____ of _____

1. Jesus: *I will build* _____
 - Need the _____ with the foundation (Eph. 4:11-13)
 - Building up His body and protection from _____
2. The bride needs the _____ from her groom (Eph. 5)
 - Jesus has a special relationship with His _____
3. If you need Jesus (the Head), then you need His _____
 - A unity that is _____
 - And His body _____ (Heb. 10:23-25)
4. The mystery of the church (Acts 2) – accomplished by _____
 - Acts 2:11 → Gen. 11:4
 - One body of Christ from all the _____ (Rev. 5:9)
 - Eph. 3:10 – that the wisdom of God be known *via* the _____ to all the heavenly beings

Discussion Questions: Christ and the Church

1. Read Eph. 4:11-14.
 - a) What is the relationship of v. 11 to v. 12? What are some ways the things in v. 12 can happen in a local church?
 - b) What is the relationship of v. 12 to v. 13? What are some ways the things in v. 13 can happen in a local church?
 - c) What are some ways that the “result” of v. 14 can be achieved through the local church?
2. Read Eph. 5:22-33. List the ways that the marriage relationship is to reflect the relationship between Christ and His church.

Any take-aways from your study?

3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today’s message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?