

JESUS' RELATIONSHIP TO HIS PEOPLE

- ✘ I am the vine... Jn 15:1
- ✘ I am the good shepherd.... Jn 10:11,14
- ✘ Head over all to the church... Eph 1:22-23
- ✘ Chief cornerstone in temple... 1Pet. 2:6-7
- ✘ King over His kingdom... Jn 18:33-37
- ✘ A Great High Priest... Heb 4:14-16
- ✘ Captain/Author of Salvation Heb 2:10-17
- ✘ Christ the Son of the Living God Mt 16:16-17

OUR RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS

Jesus is:

The Vine

The Good Shepherd

The Head...Church

The Chief Cornerstone

The King

High Priest

Author/Captain

The Christ

We Are:

... The branches

... My sheep

... Members of one body

... Living stones/Holy Priests

... Faithful servants

... Ministering priests

... His brethren

... In Christ

THE CHURCH

- ✘ What did Jesus' life on earth accomplish?
- ✘ Summed up: He bought and built a church.
- ✘ Mt 16:18-19 I will build my church:
- ✘ Acts 20:28 Purchased church with His own blood
- ✘ Eph 1:22-23 God made him Head over all things to the church which is His body.
- ✘ Eph. 5:25-27 Gave Himself for her to sanctify and cleanse her... Present a glorious church.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- ✘ Ekklesia – called out
- ✘ I Pet 2:9-10 Called out of darkness –
- ✘ No mercy to Mercy; Not My people to My people
- ✘ Hosea 1:6, 8-9; No Mercy Not my people
- ✘ Hosea 2:23 Will Have mercy; Will be my people
- ✘ 2Th 2:14 called through the gospel.
- ✘ Those who obey the gospel are God’s people, and having been “called out” of darkness to become the church(*ek-klesia* called out)

THE CHURCH AS SEEN FROM HEAVEN

- ✘ Eph 3:10-11
- ✘ much-varied; a great variety of colors: of cloth or a painting;... 2. Manifold... great variety of forms..."
- ✘ As a diamond/rainbow breaks down "white" light.
- ✘ GOD DESIGNED AND PLANNED IT IN ETERNITY!
Eph 1:3; 3:10-11
- ✘ JESUS BUILT AND BOUGHT IT! Mt 16:18; Acts 20:28
- ✘ THE HOLY SPIRIT ORGANIZED AND REVEALED IT FOR ALL TIME Jn 16:7-13

THE CHURCH IN GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

- God planned it in eternity.
- Centerpiece of His eternal purpose.
- To show principalities and powers in heavenly places His manifold Wisdom
- Jesus sent from heaven to build it.
- Holy Spirit sent to reveal and organize.
- Left blueprints in the Scripture so each generation of sinners could be saved.
- Now our turn to show principalities God's glorious manifold wisdom by full submission

THE CHURCH CREATES ALL RELATIONSHIPS

- ✘ Church(ekklesia) called out of God - I Pet 2:8-9
- ✘ The church - The body of Christ - Eph 1:22-23
- ✘ Rom 12:1-8; 1Cor 12:12-27
- ✘ The church – Glorious bride of Christ Eph 5:25
- ✘ The church - The house of God - I Tim 3:15
- ✘ The church - The kingdom of God - Col 1:13
- ✘ The church - Those in Christ - Eph 1:3-22
- ✘ The church – The Holy Temple – Eph 2:19-22
- ✘ The church - The Tabernacle – Heb 8-10