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His Body

Ephesians 1:22,23 *And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

Last week we saw in scripture that our body is not our own. We have been bought with a price. This week I want us to consider another body that is not ours, and that is the church. Paul tells the Ephesians the Church of Christ is the body of Jesus Christ. The symbolic picture is clear. Jesus is the head over all things, and the church membership make up his body. This is a picture that many today fail to consider. This leads to misleading statements where people talk about “my church”, or “going to church”. You could argue this is simply semantics, but time and again we see where these statements come from and lead to a misunderstood concept of the church.

When we understand the church is the body of Christ it leads us to many important conclusions. Here are three: 1. We do not get to decide what the church will do because we can only respond to the desires of the head. If a body is moving without direction from the head, we know there is a breakdown in the proper relationship between the head and the body. 2. We must move when we see directives from our Lord. If a body only answered half of the messages from the head, we would be in a terrible place. This is true with the church as well. 3. Every member of the church is a blessed individual! As a Christian you are connected to the Almighty Son of God! He knows your name. He calls you his own, and you are important to Him. Just as every part of your body is important to you. Every member of the Lord’s body is loved and belongs. What a blessing to be a part of the body. Hope to see you Sunday!

John

Strength In God

Psalms 84:5 *Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.*

Israelites had the opportunity to attend a religious festival in Jerusalem on three different occasions each year. Families would gather together as they walked sometimes a great distance in order to make it to Jerusalem. Often singing along the way, they found strength in each other but especially in God. They wanted to meet with God in his lovely dwelling place. Along the way they would pass through the Valley of Baca. Baca was the balsam tree. Sap would ooze out of the tree and would remind a person of tears. The Valley of Baca became symbolic of difficult and painful places. As we travel through life, we may find ourselves in some difficult places. These may cause the tears to flow. What will we do? How will we respond? Will we set out to complete the journey to the house of God?

The pilgrims made the decision that they would take the valley of weeping and make it a place of springs. The dry, arid places have now been turned into a place of joy and refreshment. Why? They were focused on getting to Zion and worshipping at the temple. Difficult times do come. They affect every individual somewhere along the way. What is our focus? What are we setting our minds to achieve? We can be successful by finding our strength in God. This strength is often inspired by our worship. Does worship allow you to go out the door to face the trouble of this world with a renewed spirit? Take advantage of your opportunities to worship and draw closer to God.

Joe

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WORSHIP LEADERS OCTOBER 21, 2018

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Richard Farris
Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
Prayer.....Mike Lyle
Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Gary Boyd
 Jim Anderson David Thomas
 Greg Grey Boyd Wood
 Ronnie Skelley Jeremy Britt
 Corey Smith Eli Cadle
Read: Mark 14:66-72.....Mike Kinzer
Sermon: Denying Him.....John Thomas
Announcements / Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome / Song Leader.....Ryan Grice
Prayer.....Patrick Sullivan
Read: 1 Peter 5:1-4.....Charlie Willis
Sermon: Peter the Elder.....John Thomas
Presiding.....John Massey
Announcements / Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

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A.M.....Elizabeth Hargrove

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24, 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader.....Blair Keeling
Prayer.....Max Ballard
Speaker.....David Morris