

**The Church of our**  
**Lord Jesus Christ**

**To him be glory in the assembly  
in Christ Jesus unto all generations  
of the ages of ages.**

**Eph. 3:21 N.T.**

## THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The subject of Christ and the Church is the last and fullest subject of Scripture. It tells of the eternal counsels of God, His holiness, His love, His righteousness and culminates in His glory. The Church is the gift of the Father to His beloved Son, the Son of His love.

- The Church is the great secret of God's counsels **Eph. 3:11; 5:32**
- It has been kept secret through the ages **Eph. 3:9**
- The Church is the fullness of Christ **Eph. 1:20-23**
- Built in time on Christ **Eph. 2:22**
- Founded on His death and blood shed **Eph. 5:25**
- Members of His body **Eph. 5:30**
- Sanctified by Christ **Eph. 5:26**
- Married to Christ **Eph. 5:27**
- To share in His inheritance **Eph. 1:11, 14**
- God's grace will displayed in the Church **Eph. 2:7**
- The Church will glorify God by Christ Jesus throughout all eternity. **Eph. 3:21**

# O.T. PICTURES OF THE CHURCH

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning ... **Rom. 15:4**

| # | PICTURE                      | SCRIPTURE         | TEACHING-EMPHASIS  |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | Adam & Eve                   | Genesis 2:21-23   | A picture of <b>Christ's death</b> and the bride purchased by the precious blood flowing out from the <b>side of affection.</b> <b>Jn. 19:34</b>                         |
| 2 | Isaac & Rebecca              | Genesis 24:12-67  | The <b>Holy Spirit chooses</b> and leads to Christ through the desert providing all the way. <b>Eph. 2:22</b>  |
| 3 | Joseph & Asenath             | Genesis 41:39     | "Beauty" now the bride of One forsaken and rejected but now the supreme Ruler. <b>Rev. 19:7</b>  |
| 4 | Moses & Zipporah             | Exodus 2:21; 18:2 | "Sparrow" the lonely One, waits in the wilderness separated from His bride. <b>Psa. 102:7</b>  |
| 5 | Ahazuerus & Esther           | Esther 2:16       | The Ruler of all the earth shares His throne with His bride and she reigns with Him. <b>Rev. 5:10</b>  |
| 6 | David & Abigail              | 1 Sam. 25:14-42   | "Father's joy", the bride is the <b>Father's gift</b> to Christ. <b>Jn. 17:6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12</b> The one previously married to the churlish now by faith wed to Christ. |
| 7 | Solomon & Pharoah's daughter | 1 Kings 3:1; 8:7  | The <b>bride from Egypt</b> , captive to sin, now wed to the Ruler of all in peace and glory.  |

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable ... **2 Tim3:16**

# N.T. PICTURES OF THE CHURCH

Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it. Ephesians 5:25

| #         | PICTURE                   |                  |                   | SCRIPTURE  | TEACHING-EMPHASIS   |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>One Pearl</b>          |                  |                   | Mt. 13:46  | <b>Cost and Value</b>   |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>A Ship</b>             |                  |                   | Mt. 14:22-33; Mk. 6:32, 45, 47, 48, 54; Acts 27                            | <b>Opposition, Faith and Care</b>                                       |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>An Inn</b>             |                  |                   | Lk. 10:25-35   | <b>Shelter, Provision and Waiting</b>                                   |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>One Flock</b>          |                  |                   | Jn. 10:16  | <b>Care, Protection and Obedience</b>                                   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>One Body-One Bread</b> |                  |                   | 1 Cor. 10:16; 12:13; Eph. 4:4; Col.2:19                                    | <b>Gift and Unity, subject to the Head</b>                              |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>The Epistle</b>        |                  |                   | 2 Cor. 3:3   | <b>Testimony of Christ to all Men</b>                                   |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>God's Husbandry</b>    | <b>The House</b> | <b>The Temple</b> | 1 Cor. 3:9-17; Eph. 2:21-22;; 1 Tim. 3:15; 2 Tim. 2:20; 1Pet. 2: 5-9; 4:17 | <b>Responsibility, Holy, Service, Administration, Separate, Worship</b> |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>The Bride</b>          |                  |                   | 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-29; Rev. 19:7; 21:9                                 | <b>Affection and Closeness</b>  |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Candlestick</b>        |                  |                   | Rev. 2; 3  | <b>Testimony, Responsibility, Government</b>                            |
| <b>10</b> | <b>The City</b>           |                  |                   | Rev. 21:9-22; Heb. 11:10; 12:22-24   | <b>Godly Order and Perfection</b>                                       |

## GOSPELS

Pictures of the assembly in embryo

## EPISTLES

Assembly in detail with responsibilities

## Revelation

Assembly  
- governed  
- perfected

Paul... that I should preach among the gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 3:8, 9**