

Jesus' Church Is A Relationship

the church in Ephesians



Ephesians 5:22-27

- The church is a relationship like marriage
- A concept of “church” without relationship is missing something
- Externals don't define relationship – love and respect do (v. 24-25, 33)



The Church Is Not...

- An impersonal institution
- An organization or society
- A historical movement
- It is the “people of God”...



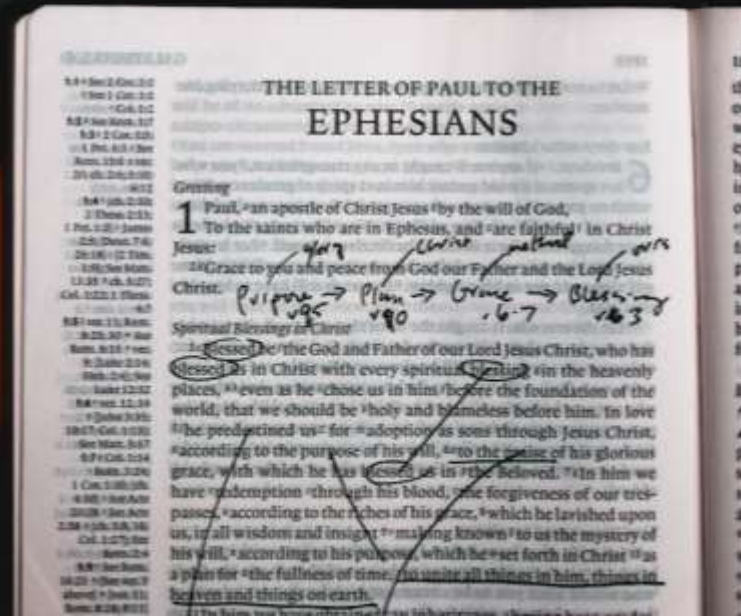
Christ & His People

- The “mystery” (Ephesians 5:31-32)
 - *Uniting together in Christ (Eph. 1:9-10)*
 - *Reconciling sinners to God (Eph. 2:1-6)*
 - *Blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3-8)*
- The result? Church as Christ's body (Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:4)

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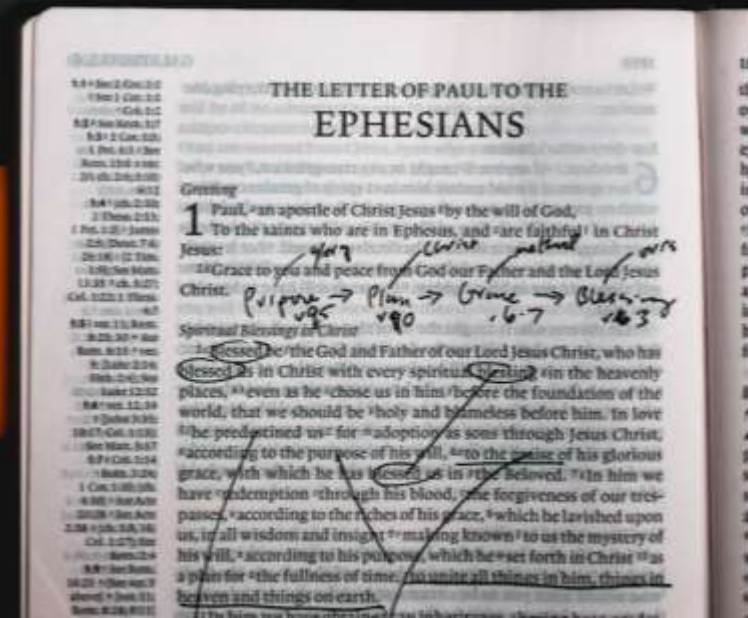
Christ's People

- More on the “mystery”
 - *Gentiles + Jews (Eph. 3:4-6)*
 - *Once separate, but now together in Christ (Eph. 2:11-15)*
- The result?
 - *One new person (Eph. 2:15)*
 - *One new body (Eph. 2:16)*
 - *One new family (Eph. 2:19)*



The Family of God

- Each has a part (Ephesians 4:16)
- We are part of one another (Ephesians 4:25)
- We love one another (Ephesians 5:1)



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