

The Church Study

1. Colossians 1:18

- Jesus is the true head of the body, or church, which is his body
- Church is not an institution, corporation, building or denomination, but the body of Christ.
- Not an organization but an organism. As there is only one head, so there is only one body.
- Design was for their to be one body.

2. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- We're members of HIS body.
 - We can't operate on our own accord and expect live be connected to God
- We need the church, the church needs us.
- Arm can't survive by itself

3. Hebrews 10:23-25

- We will avoid swerving if we spur others on and attend meetings of the body
 - Analogy of car swerving all over the road
- To do well spiritually you need the church. This is God's plan from scripture.
- Make every effort to be active!

4. Hebrews 3:12-14

- Daily encouragement prevents us form becoming hardened by sin
- Personal involvement in others lives.
- We are responsible for our brothers and sisters

5. Acts 2:42-47

- What are the characteristics of the NT church?
 - Met together, devoted themselves, gave to those in need, etc.

6. Ephesians 2:19-22

- Church is not a building, but is compared to one because God dwells in his people, the church.
- It is also a family.
- As with a natural family you need to be born into it.
- Christ is the cornerstone, not pastors, teachers, traditions, etc.
- 1 Timothy 4:16

Additional Scriptures:

John 17:20-26; 1 John 1:5-10; Philippians 2:1-5; Romans 12:4-8; Colossians 2:18-19; John 13:34-35 James 5:16; Romans 12:10; Romans 15:14; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:32; Ephesians 5:21; Colossians 3:16 ; 1 Peter 4:9; Romans 16:16; Colossians 3:9; Colossians 3:16