

## THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

### BRIDE OF CHRIST

1. "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ." (II Cor. 11:2).
2. Husband-Wife relationship compared to Christ and Church. (Eph. 5:22-32).

### TEMPLE OF GOD

1. "Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of God him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are you." (I Cor. 3:16-17).
2. "...being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone; in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit." (Eph. 2:20-22).

### HOUSE OF GOD

1. "These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God," (I Tim. 3:14-15).
2. **Hebrews 3:3-6....READ**

### KINGDOM OF GOD

1. "...giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love." (Col. 1:12-13).
2. "I will build my church...give you keys of kingdom." (Matt. 16:16-19).
3. "...he made us to be a kingdom." (Rev. 1:4-6).

### PEOPLE OF GOD

1. "But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: who in time past were no people, but now are the people of God; who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." (I Peter 2:9-10).
2. "....a people for his own possession," (Titus 2:11-14).

### UNITY

1. "Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace. There is one body;....one God." (Eph. 4:3-6).
2. "In one Spirit...all baptized into one body." (I Cor. 12:13)
3. "Reconcile them both in one body unto God" (Eph. 2:16).
4. "The church which is His body." (Eph. 1:22-23).
5. "He is the head of the body, the church." (Col. 1:18).