

LOCATING THE LORD'S CHURCH
"Figures Of The Church"

INTRODUCTION

- A. The relation between God and His people is described by the use of many different terms in the Bible.
- B. The terms that are used expresses in a clear way some particular aspect of the relationship.

DISCUSSION**I. THE CHURCH – THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

- A. This figure shows the unity of God's people. 1 CO 12:12-31. The church is seen as a human body to show its oneness and its workings!
- B. Note the following passages:
 - 1. 1 CO 12:27.
 - 2. EP 4:4.
 - 3. CO 1:18.
 - 4. EP 5:24.
 - 5. EP 2:16.
 - 6. 1 CO 12:25.
 - 7. 1 CO 12:13.

II. THE CHURCH – THE TEMPLE OF GOD.

- A. The Temple is where God meets with His people as they worship Him.
- B. Note the following passages:
 - 1. EX 25:8-9.
 - 2. 2 CH 7:15-16.
 - 3. EP 2:19-22.
 - 4. JN 4:24.

III. THE CHURCH – THE VINEYARD OF GOD.

- A. The "vineyard" suggests a place of work!
- B. Note the following passages:
 - 1. MT 20:1.
 - 2. MT 21:28.
 - 3. IS 5:2.
 - 4. HE 4:11.

IV. THE CHURCH – THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

- A. The Church is set forth as a Kingdom to teach about its government (monarchy).
- B. Note the following passages:
 - 1. CO 1:13.
 - 2. HE 12:23.
 - 3. HE 12:28.
 - 4. MT 28:18.
 - 5. JN 18:36.
 - 6. JN 3:3, 5.

V. THE CHURCH – THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.

- A. The Church is set forth as a household to teach about relationships!
- B. Note the following passages:
 - 1. 1 TI 3:15.
 - 2. EP 4:6.
 - 3. GA 3:26.

4. RO 8:17.
5. MK 3:34-35.

VI. THE CHURCH – THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.

- A. This figure expresses the importance of being pure, subject to, and faithful to Christ. We must also wear His name!
- B. Note the following passages:
 1. RO 7:4.
 2. 2 CO 11:2.
 3. EP 1:1.
 4. Acts 11:26.

VII. THE CHURCH – THE SHEEPFOLD OF GOD.

- A. The figure expresses the idea of being in the proper enclosure (safety & feeding) to be a part of the Lord's church or sheepfold.
- B. Note the following passages:
 1. JN 10:1, 9, 11.
 2. HE 13:20.
 3. 1 PE 5:4.
 4. LK 15:4-7

CONCLUSION

- A. You can be a member of the Lord's church!
- B. Acts 2:47.