

How We Become the Body of Christ

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The Lord has put it on my heart, once again, to go into the Body of Christ, as to how we become the Body of Christ. How do we know that we are in the Body of Christ? There is only one God, one Church, one Body. Let us read it so that we might believe it. Let's look at Ephesians 4 and we will read from the first verse. *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, ²With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism,*

This is very dogmatic. Anyone who tries to change this is not of God. If we do not belong to the one Body, then we are not of God. We were not of God before we were of God. Therefore, if we find out that we are not of God, we only have to repent, and be of God.

There are many bodies in the world, so what makes us so sure that we are in the right Body?

The church was captured by the Roman Catholic system, back in the second century. The Catholics took the church and they immediately created an hierarchy. That means that they had to reject the ministry that God had set up in the world. The ministry that God set up in the world we call divine order. The order that was set up by the church was called man's order. Now, let's look at the difference between divine order and

man's order. Divine order is in Ephesians 4:11. *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.* It says here *pastors*, but in my Bible, it is crossed out and it says the word *shepherds* and teachers. I understand that in the Czech translation it is "shepherds," right? Good! So, those of you that have it wrong in the King James, just put the Czech word there, *shepherds*. You know, the Word of God is correct, but the translations are not correct. So, the Spirit of God, in the people of God, will correct the translations of man. Amen. Now, we don't have the order of man in this Book [the Bible], but we can at least talk about it.

In the Roman Catholic Church there is a Pope. The Bible says that we should not have a Pope. Let us turn to Matthew 20:20. *Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. ²¹And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. ²²But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. ²³And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. ²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren.* Here we see a rivalry begin to take place. They wanted position now. They were about to start church politics. *²⁵But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.* What is the word for dominion in Czech? Is it like ours, to mean having a big boss? They say yes! Quite. So, that means that Jesus is saying that is a thing of the world, and in the world you have the big boss and the little ones coming right down in the hierarchy position.

²⁶But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister. Does the Czech say *servant*?

Response: Yes, servant.

Is there another word for *servant* in Czech, or does it just mean *servant*? Well, the people who are reading the King James Version, if you have a pen with you, cross out the word *minister* and put *servant*. The Greek says *servant*. It says *diakonos* (Strong's Con-

cordance #G1249) and it means *servant*. Is Brother Patrick [from Germany] here? What does your Bible say?

Response: It says *servant*.

Good. So you couldn't mistake it for a man with a collar and the boss of a church? You see, in English, it says *minister*, and *minister* is a Latin word which means *servant*, but it has been changed by the church to mean the *boss* of the church. What do you call the man who is the head of a church congregation in Czech?

Response: Pastor.

You call him *pastor*. You don't have a word for minister, like how we have the minister who is the man with the collar, and the head of a church?

Response: The word *minister* is used for the members of the government, so we would not use that in the church.

So you don't use it. Okay. Yes, brother?

Response: In the Catholic environment, the one that you call a priest, you call him minister.

In Latin, *minister* means *servant*, but the church changed it to mean the man who is the head of the church. **And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your slave** (Matthew 20:27). Is it *slave* in the Czech language?

Response: No, we have *servant*.

You have servant. Cut it out and put *slave*. Those of you whose Bible says anything else besides *slave*, Brother Cec says that it is *slave*. I am talking from the Greek. I am reading the Greek. It says *doulos* (Strong's Concordance #G1401). *Doulos* could not be anything else but slave. Is Mr. Elberfelder [the German Bible translation] saying *slave*?

Response: Yes.

Das ist gut! [Brother duCille motions with two thumbs up!] We can therefore see very clearly that God is saying you must not have an hierarchical system in the church. So, if you are going to take charge of a church, the first thing that you would have to do is to break God's divine order that He has put in the church and put in your own order. I am saying this to you, brethren, because if you are subject to any other order but God's order, you are not in the Body of Christ. God has His order established in the earth in spite of all this confusion that we have in church business. So, it is necessary, especially at this time, for the people of God to find God's order.

Jesus called some fishermen and a few learned men. He selected 12 of them and called them the "apostles of the Lamb." These 12 people were people who God chose from the foundation of the world to

become apostles for all time and eternity. Anytime anything would happen to one of these apostles, God would put in another apostle. We find out that when Judas betrayed Jesus, God called Paul and put Paul into the apostolic ministry. The brethren didn't get the message because they had a ballot, voted and put in a man named Matthias. And from the time that they put in Matthias, we never hear another word about him. But God selected Paul and put him in as an apostle to fill the place of Judas. So, that apostolic thing was closed. You cannot have an apostolic ascension that is like, when the king dies, his son takes over. So, when the church begins to appoint their own apostles, then they are going against God's divine order.

I want to make it scripturally clear. Turn your Bibles back to Matthew. Let's go to Matthew 23, and I want you to listen carefully to this. Starting in verse 7, **And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.** ⁸**But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.** So when we talk about Master or Rabbi, which is really Hebrew... we don't call anybody Rabbi, but we call them Master. What about Doctor? Nowadays, all the preachers are Doctor So and So, and Doctor So and So. It means that these people are saying that they are Doctors of the Word of God. When you are sick, you go to a doctor, sure. And there is no problem about being a Doctor of Philosophy, but a Doctor of Theology is an offense before God. Therefore, you don't call anybody Master. **And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven** (Matthew 23:9). Now, I had a father, and you have a father, and I called him Father, but that was my natural father. It wasn't an offense before God. But if I began to call Brother Burt, "Father Burt" or "Father Asbill," then you would know that we are way out of God's order. So, one of the problems is not only of those who are called *Father*, but also for those who call them father.

Now, what about the Great Father? In other words, it is wrong to call a man Father, spiritually Father So and So. But what about calling him the Great Father? Papa? Pope? That is entirely out of God's order. So you must not call anybody Father; you must not call anybody in the church, spiritual Father or Pope. So, what about those that do call themselves Father and Pope? It means that they are not hearing from God, and it means that you cannot hear from them.

At this hour, we are putting the Body of Christ in order. Everybody must have a head, and Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body of Christ. When we come in

here and gather together, we gather together to hear Jesus. We recognize Jesus Christ as the Head whenever we gather together. We want to hear what Jesus says. Now, if someone gets up and prophesies in the name of any other name besides Jesus, it is a false prophet. Now, how do you identify a false prophet? Can you figure it out? How would you identify a false prophet? The main identification of a false prophet is that he has a false spirit. He does not speak from the Spirit of God. His spirit is not of God, it is of the devil. His duty is to deceive, to disrupt, and to destroy. What does God say about true prophecy? It is given for exhortation, edification, and comfort (I Corinthians 14:3). See? So you have to learn to recognize true prophecy - true prophet, different from false prophet.

Now, let us continue to look at the Body of Christ.

We go back around to Ephesians and it says that God has set in the church... (Ephesians 4:11). Now, if somebody else sets a ministry in the church, then it is not the Body of Christ. I mean, I am coming to it, and I hope that you are going with me. It is the ministry that makes the Body, the Body of Christ or not the Body of Christ. Let us look

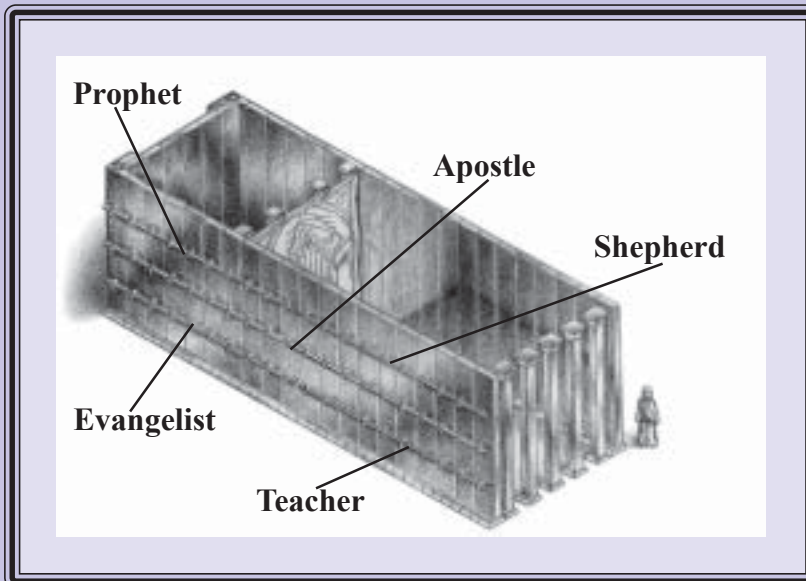
at the departure, when we began to depart from being the Body of Christ to be different denominations. We departed with the appointment of ministers that were appointed of men. The seven churches of Asia rejected Paul as a minister of God. From the time that they rejected the ministry of Paul, they began to get into false doctrine. I am going to draw on the board for you the picture that God puts in the Bible of the Body of Christ.

Do you know that the Outer Court church is not the Body of Christ? What I want to draw is the boards, twenty boards. [see illustration above] The boards on the corner of the end are double. Do you understand what I am trying to draw? Now, there is one bar going right through this. The bar is held by rings, golden rings. The boards are made of wood and gold. The gold covers the wood, so that the wood does not show

at all. Wood means humanity and gold means divinity. So you see, it is God's idea that our humanity should be covered by His divinity so that we would not have a human organization, but a divine organization. Human beings cannot organize a divine organization, so we have to be organized by God.

Now, let us read what God says about the five bars. This is one, one is like this, one is like this, one is like this, one is like this. All the bars are held by three golden rings through each board. It is the boards that hold the bars, and the bars keep the boards.

Now, these five bars represent five ministries. The long one is the apostles, and the shorter ones represent prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers. This word is wrong for shepherd. [Pointing to the Czech translation] Don't you have another word for shepherd?



Response: No. This is the word for shepherd. This is the word for the man who tends the sheep.

So, the man who tends the goats and cows, the herdsman, what do you call him?

Response: There is another word in Czech for the man who tends

the sheep, in Czech - *ovcak*, but it also means the dog who watches over the sheep. So, we consider the word *pastyr* the word to be used for *shepherd*.

You see, the word *pastor* is Latin. It is a Latin root. In Latin, it means that you can keep cows, you can keep hogs, you can keep goats, or you can keep sheep. But in the Greek rendition of the word, you can only keep sheep as a shepherd. So, Jesus said, "I am the good Shepherd" (John 10:11). Now, if you read that passage for me in Psalm 23, I would like to know what word is used. Do you say, "I am the good pastor"?

Response: *Pastyr*.

Well, many of these languages were not designed for spiritual language.

All right, let us look at Ephesians 4:11, **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some,**

evangelists; and some, shepherds and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. So, the word *ministry* here, what do you have in Czech?

Response: *Service.*

Does it mean preaching the gospel?

Response: It speaks about service. To serve others, being a servant to others.

The ministry that God sends to you will make you work for God.

It said it is for the perfection of the saints so God is saying that He has set a ministry in the world to perfect the saints. Now, if you give the saints wrong doctrines and dogmas that are made by man, instead of perfecting them, it will kill them. So, it depends upon what apostolic teaching you are following - that is what decides whether you are in the Body of Christ or not.

Let us take some of the teachings that have turned away from God. What about communion? When you bless the bread, does it become meat? When you bless the wine, does it become the Blood of Jesus Christ? The answer is NO. So, if you have a doctrine that when a person takes the bread and the wine, it makes him holy, it is a false doctrine. Therefore, the true apostles of God must teach the truth to bring people away from these lying doctrines. Let us consider the doctrine of rapture. If you teach the people that they are going to be raptured from the world and taken away to another place, it is a false teaching. The people need to know that they are going to have to overcome here on earth and don't feel that they are going to escape the tribulation while all the other people have to go through it. We saw the Chinese church destroyed because they believed they were going to fly away, and Jesus didn't come and take them away out of their tribulation. The people of God must understand that God wants us to overcome. Therefore, the church must go through the tribulation. There are many, many other doctrines that we would need to go into, but God promises us that He would bring the truth to us in the end time. The idea that only the ministry is hearing from God and that you only have to listen to what the min-

istries say, and not hear from God for yourself is indeed a wrong doctrine. Let me show it to you here. [referring back to illustration on previous page]

The boards have gold covering them and golden rings on them. Now, it is the ring that holds the bar. If the bar is the ministry, then it is the congregation that holds the ministry and not the ministry that holds that congregation. So then, the church has to bring in all kinds of psychological ploys to hold their congregation.

I remember when we started a group in Port Saint Lucie, where I live, and a lot of the people broke away from the churches to come and hear the truth. All of a sudden, our congregation was filled with ministers and spies. They came in to see what I was preaching in order to get back their people. Soon they began to tell the brethren all manner of lies about what we were preaching. They have a thing in the church order, a psychological plan called "kicking upstairs." Okay, I'll explain it. This sister came and she accepted that this Word of the Lord was true. When the pastor heard this, he immediately promoted her. He made her leader of the choir. She loved music, so she was taken up with that and we never saw her again. Psychology is strange fire that they bring into the congregation.

Now, how do you know that you are part of this Body of Christ? You must have gold before you can hold a golden bar. In other words, you must have the Spirit of God working with you. You must be hearing God before you will be able to hear the truth from God. So, if you can't hear God, you can't be part of the Body of Christ because God says, "I will walk in them, and I will talk in them" (II Corinthians 6:16). So, if you are not able to hear the voice of God at all, you are not able to listen to the ministry of God. He says here in Ephesians 4:12, *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.* That means that the ministry that God sends to you will make you work for God. In other words, what you are receiving from God is supposed to help you to begin to minister to others. But you are not perfect. It says, *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ* (Ephesians 4:13). Now, what this is saying is that we are not all perfect. We all don't believe the same thing - 1, 2, 3, and going down, but that when we keep fellowshiping together, we will all come to the truth.

¹⁴*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doc-*

trine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: ¹⁶From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Now, if you are walking in the Body of Christ, you will begin to grow in love. One sign that tells you that you are really in the Body of Christ is if you are growing in love. I am going to give you some time to question this, because we are not able to go into all the details.

So, let us see if we can understand what we are looking at here. God is saying that the only place you should be at this time is in the Body of Christ. The long bar does not represent a person. It represents an apostolic ministry. Do you understand? In other words, God has appointed certain people to teach His people and they are called apostles - those who are trained by God and sent. Another bar represents the prophet ministry. We have the prophet ministry in certain people that have developed in this ministry, but the ministry of the prophet is in you. That is why you have dreams and visions, and you must not interpret your own dreams or visions. But God is placing dreams and visions in the whole Body, so that the Body might be led by the Spirit of God. Now, if you understand that, I will go to the other bars.

There is the evangelist. It is a spirit that is not only in certain individuals, but it is in all of you. There is a desire in you to tell somebody else. The last time I saw you brethren from Switzerland, you were alone. Today, you have two more here with you. It means that there is something in you that is saying, "I must tell somebody else." That is the spirit of the evangelist. But suppose that spirit was in you and you were a Roman Catholic? You would be misleading people. Do you understand what I am saying? In other words, when I talk about the Catholic system, I am not just talking about the Roman Catholic Church. All the daughters of Rome have been doing worse than Rome. What God is saying to us today is, "Come out from among them" (II Corinthians 6:17). Some of us have come out of the churches, but we have the churches in us. Some of the evangelists on the television, they are preaching that the only place to go is back to Rome. Any spirit or any person that is leading people back to Rome is not of God, it is a spirit of the devil. The Bible tells me, "Come out from among them," and it says, "Flee from Babylon" (Isaiah 48:20). I tell you

something, if at this time you don't flee from that spirit of denominationalism, the plague of division is going to take you. God says that if you don't flee, you will suffer the consequences that they are going to suffer.

Let me prove to you that the anti-Christ is coming out of the church system. If you would turn around to Daniel, let us look at the 9th chapter and the 26th verse. *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.* The *prince that shall come* is referring to the anti-Christ.

Response: Our translation is very bad. It is completely different.

What does yours say? Does it say that there is a prince that shall come?

Response: Yes. It said an anti-Christ.

Okay. What about you, brother? Our Bibles agree then, that this is referring to the anti-Christ that shall come? And it says that those are the people who will destroy the sanctuary. Now, the people that destroyed the city and the sanctuary were the Roman Army under Titus. History tells us that the people who destroyed the city and the sanctuary were the Roman Army. So, it means that the anti-Christ will come out of Rome. Do we understand it? So, there is no doubt, that anyone who puts himself up in place of Christ is anti-Christ.

I don't know what you have in your Bible, but the Pope is in the place of Christ. He says he is Christ. You say, "No, he didn't say so." Well, this is what the Pope is. He says, he is Vicarius Fili dei. Vicarius Fili

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dei = Vice Son of God. If he is the Vice Christ... the languages might have a problem. When you have a president, you also have a vice president. So when the president is absent, who is president? You wouldn't have that over in Germany, would you, brother?

Response: Vice president.

Good. All right. So if a man says that he is Vice Christ, what is he? Anti-Christ! So, anti-Christ is a person who puts himself in place of Christ. The problem is, if I say, "I don't believe that. I don't believe in a pope," but then I am a Bishop. So, is the bishop any different from the pope? He also rules so many churches and he is the boss, so he is a little pope. So, all of the churches are in the same situation. Brethren, I tell you something, God has rejected the whole church system. The denominational system has not pleased God. It has gone against all that God stands for and God has rejected it. Anybody here who leaves and joins a church, an organized denominational church, has backslid from God. I wonder if anybody would have questions on that situation?

By the way, if you add this up [Vicarius Fili dei] in Roman numerals, you get 6 - 6 - 6. I asked a priest about that one day and he said, "There are many names that can come out with 6 - 6 - 6." I said, "Every one is a beast." Praise God! I'm watching the time and I'm going to ask for a few questions before we close.

Question: Brother duCille, I want to ask about those names of Doctor of Theology. We have a CD recording by Brother S.M. Davis. We got it from the U.S., some of the brethren there have listened to it and he is a doctor. One day I asked a person if he is a Doctor of Theology and I was told, "Sure he is." Now, you say that we shouldn't listen to this because anyone who calls himself a Doctor of Theology does not hear God.

Answer: I wouldn't tell you not to listen to him. You listen to it and you tell me if you hear God, because you are supposed to have the Spirit of God within you. I have listened to some of them and I have friends who have listened. Sometimes they bring forth something good - fruit - but I wouldn't follow them. That is the problem. It is a mixture. A mixture. If you notice, all of the television preachers now are all doctors. We had some men in our area who were preaching the gospel, and they all went up the road and came back down as doctors. You only have to have a certain amount of money and you can get your doctorate right now in theology.

Question: I would like to ask you, if I understood correctly, about the number 12 (apostles). Does it mean that God has been filling this number ever since? Does it mean that on the whole earth at this time there are 12 apostles?

Answer: No. There might be 12,000. The point is that those 12 were special apostles. They were called the "apostles of the Lamb." But the scriptures tell us that there were many other ones after them, like Apollos

and Silas. Paul spoke of many other apostles. So, the apostles of the Lamb were different than the other apostles that God appointed to carry on the Word.

Question: We talked before about some false teachings and I would like to ask about the teaching of the Seventh Day Adventists. I would like to ask about their teaching on the Sabbath, because I used to go to their church. They teach many wrong things, but this point, up to this time, I still don't know about the seventh day, because it seems to me that it is written in the scriptures. I'm looking for an answer as to what the Lord means by this?

Answer: Every word in the Bible is on three levels - natural, spiritual, fullness. If you keep the seventh day, you will have to keep the whole law. So, you would have to kill a kid (goat) as an offering every time that you go to service. So then, if the killing of the kid has been fulfilled by Jesus Christ, so is that law of the Sabbath. The whole law is being fulfilled in Christ. Every Word of God has three dimensions. In the natural, the natural Sabbath is the 7th day. But the spiritual Sabbath is the Holy Ghost. Natural Sabbath means rest, right? The Holy Ghost is "there remaineth a rest unto the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9). Now, if there remaineth a rest, that means to say that natural 7th day wasn't the rest. So, the fullness of the Sabbath is the seventh millennium which you are in now and we are coming into the perfect rest of God, when the whole earth will be brought to rest.

That is a short lesson, but we have the Pattern and we have the other books that you can read so you can understand it. All of the scriptures are given in them. But remember this, if God requires you to do any part of the law, you are guilty of the whole law. In other words, He has 10 commandments. Suppose you keep one and you break others. Jesus Christ had to come and deliver us from that because we couldn't keep it. So, that is why the Sabbath has been abolished and when Christ came, He gave us the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is called the Comforter so that the Holy Ghost will deliver us from having to keep the Sabbath, which we couldn't keep. Then He is bringing us into the everlasting Sabbath.

Question: Concerning the commandments, it says, "Thou shalt not steal," (Exodus 20:19) so the natural level remains, or is it abolished?

Answer: No, it is abolished. Do you know why? Because if you are a Christian, then you are not going to steal. After you are a Christian, if I come to you and say, "Thou shalt not steal," then I am insulting you. May God bless you. ☺