

# THE CHURCH

Ephesians 5:23-27

## Introduction

1. Consider this in connection with the morning sermon of 6/18/06.
2. One who only casually considers Christ's teachings on the church must be perplexed at the state of religious affairs (Jn. 17:20-22).

## I. The church of the Savior

- A. It is very comforting to think of Christ as our Savior.
  1. Man is in need of a Savior (Rom. 3:23). This is message of the Bible.
  2. Christ is man's perfect Savior (Rom. 6:23; Heb. 5:8, 9).
- B. Christ longs to be the Savior of the world (Jn. 3:16; Tit. 2:11), but He will only save those who obey (Acts 2:40).
- C. Consider whom Christ will save by looking at Ephesians 5:23; 1:22, 23).

## II. The church of the Saved

- A. The ark is an Old Testament type of the church. As Noah's ark was the ark of the saved (Gen. 6:14-7:22), Christ's church is the body of the saved (Acts 2:47).
- B. The saved are in the body of Christ which is His church (2 Tim. 2:10).
- C. It is popular for people to want salvation separate from the church.
- D. Our treatment of the church reflects our treatment of Christ Himself (Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-4).

## III. The church of the Scriptures

- A. Matthew 16:16-18
- B. In the Bible, the Lord's church is most commonly referred to as simply "the church" because there is only one.
- C. Compare Ephesians 4:4 and 1:22, 23.

# Word Find

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Scriptures

Salvation

Ephesians

Love

Honor

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World

Sin

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Truth

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