

“Christ and the Church”

Acts 20:28

Introduction

- I. There is a very close relationship between Christ and the church.
- II. Denominations do not share the intimacy that exists between Christ and the church.
 - A. The totality of denominationalism does not constitute the church.
 - B. Denominations are man made institutions (many of which are only hundreds of years old, if that).

Discussion

- I. The church belongs to Christ.
 - A. Purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28).
 - B. He is the head of the church (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18, 24).
 - C. Neither the Father, nor the Holy Spirit claim such.
- II. The church was built by Christ.
 - A. He built only one (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4).
 - B. Christ is THE BRANCH, Who was to build His temple (Zech. 6:12-13; 1 Cor. 3:16-17).
- III. The church is the bride and Christ is the groom.
 - A. The marriage union is seen in Christ and the church (Eph. 5:25-27).
 - B. The church is joined with Christ (Rom. 7:1-4).
 - C. Only members of the church are heirs of Christ (Rev. 21:9; Rom. 8:16-17).
- IV. The church has Christ as High Priest (Heb. 10:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:5).
- V. The church grows as Christ saves (Acts 2:47; Mark 16:16; Heb. 5:9).
- VI. The church is waiting for the return of the Christ (Eph. 5:23-27).

Conclusion

- I. Some want to lessen the connection between Christ and the church.
- II. Trying to separate Christ from the church is impossible.