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God’s Awesome Descriptions of the Church

If we want to describe something to people who may have never seen it, we use words that paint a picture of what it is we are describing. God does the same thing. When God decided to describe His church to us He used some of the most vivid words to paint a picture of the most wonderful thing on earth: **HIS CHURCH!!!**

Probably the best description of the church is that it’s described as the “BODY OF CHRIST.” In Ephesians 1:22-23, the apostle Paul says that is exactly what the church is. This depicts the relationship we enjoy with Christ and each other. Christ is our Head, from which we as the body receive everything we need to sustain life, Colossians 2:19. Also, because we are members of the body of Christ, we are also members of one another, 1 Corinthians 12:27 and Romans 12:5.

Another description of the church is that we are the “HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.” That is the family of God, 1 Timothy 3:15. Even those in the world understand, FAMILY. We choose all other relationships, but we are born into the familial relationship, both in the world and in the church. We are Jesus’ family, Matthew 12:48-50; we have many brothers and sisters, Mark 10:28-30; therefore, we are to treat each other accordingly, 1 Timothy 5:1-2.

One of my favorite descriptions of the church is “THE TEMPLE OF GOD.” When reading Solomon’s dedication of the temple he built for Israel, I am amazed. God’s presence in the form of smoke that fills the temple so full no one can see. The temple is just that, God’s holy habitation, His dwelling place, His home, Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5. Since the church is His holy dwelling place, then we have a responsibility to maintain its purity and holiness. Peter says in 1 Peter 2:5, “...we are being built up as a spiritual house...”

The church is also described as “THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.” Paul wrote to the church in Colossae that they were “transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son” Colossians 1:13. There is no better words to describe who has the authority and power in the church; Christ is the King, He has all authority, Matthew 28:18-20.

She is also described as “THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.” We are betrothed to Christ, 2 Corinthians 11:2. We are to be presented to Christ as holy and blameless, Ephesians 5:27. Our relationship with Christ is going to be greater when He comes back for us than what it is now, Revelation 19:6-9; 21:2.

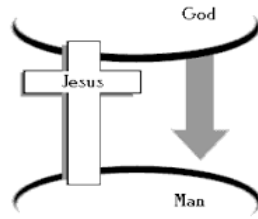
~Danny Aragon, church of Christ, Kim CO

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Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.
(Ps. 119.18)



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- 6. GOD'S WONDERFUL LAW IS...TRUTH (Ps. 119.41-48).**
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Words of Wisdom

When I was growing up my mother would tell me to watch those who I was close to, because they can cause the most damage to you. But this advice my mother gave me would only be good for me if I listened to her, because my friends were always ready to give bad advice.

Rehoboam finds himself in the same predicament when he is made king of Israel. The assembly of Israel came to speak on how he should govern the nation. Wanting to get more input, Rehoboam sends them away, asking for their return in three days (I Kings 12:3-5). During this time Rehoboam consults his father's elders in the matter of governing the nation, in which they give their advice. They explain to him that he should lighten the load of service from what his father demanded, and to be a servant, and if he does, the nation will follow him (12:6, 7).

Rehoboam does not listen to them, and now goes to his friends and servants that he grew up with, and asks them what he should do. His friends are not out to help him but to better their own position and instruct Rehoboam to add to the load of the people (I Kings 12:8-11).

When the assembly of Israel return to Rehoboam three days later, Rehoboam answers them with the advice of his friends and servants, and harshly tells them he will make their load heavier than his fathers. And with that response, many do not want to be a part of this heavy load, and so Israel departs for their own tents (I Kings 12:12-16).

Rehoboam went to those who he knew had "good advice" for him to follow, but he did not want to listen to their reply. Instead he went to his friends who were not qualified to make such decisions. This would be devastating, as a result the nation becomes divided. Rehoboam could have listened to those who were qualified, but he chose not to. When we hear the word of God we should be mindful of where it comes from. God is the most qualified to instruct us in how we should live our lives. We always have the choice whether to listen or not, but it will only be to our destruction when we don't.

~ Mario Saldaña, Student, Bear Valley Bible Institute

THIRTY RULES OF BIBLE STUDY – RULE SIX *continued*

Rule six of Bible study is that even as Christ was in the grave for three days (Matt. 16.21; Mark 8.31; Luke 9.20-22; 24.6-7; John 2.19), three times of inviting one to a Bible study to come out of one's own spiritual grave is enough without over-aggressive pressuring of one (Matt. 10.11-15; Mark 6.10-11; Luke 9.4-5; Acts 13.48-52). However, the opposite of this is just as true. For illustration, Jesus has commanded all generations of Christians to be evangelistic and bring lost souls to Him (Matt. 28.18-20). Resultant of a Christian named Stephen's persecution and death, the early first Christians gathered in Jerusalem scattered to other areas (Acts 7.1-8.3) preaching the word wherever they went (Acts 8.4). Apparently, they did not have to be told even two, three, or more times to be evangelistic.

Idyllically, this is the way it should be with all Christians, and doubtless even more so for those trained for part and/or full time ministry. Thus, the apostle Paul wrote Timothy (2 Tim. 4.5) once saying, "But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." Conversely, Paul had a Christian companion named Demas who deserted him in his time of need because of his love of the present world (2 Tim. 4.9-10). So, Paul could have told Demas any number of times to do what he wrote to Timothy, and he would not have done it. Unfortunately, it is still the same today as it was back then. Twenty-first century Christians could be told any number of times to be evangelistic, and some will do it while some will not. Hence, when do you stop trying?

Appropriately, only God truly knows the answer to when one stops trying to get resistant Christians to evangelize. Nonetheless, three times still seems to be a Biblically inferred sufficient number for trying to get them to be evangelistic. Even in the Old Testament, God wanted Jonah to preach repentance to the city of Nineveh when he did not want to. Yet, after his being three days and nights in the belly of a great fish (illustrative of Jesus' being three days and nights in the grave), Jonah yielded to God and preached repentance. Nineveh repented, and God saved the city (Jonah 1-4; Matt. 12.38-41; Luke 11.29-30). If the "three tries" rule was good enough for God to get Jonah to evangelize Nineveh, then it should be good enough to get all Christians busy evangelizing lost souls for Christ.

~ Tom Wright, church of Christ, Limon CO

Full Joy of Wisdom

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7).

God has always wanted His creation to use their own intellect to understand His ways as more beneficial to them than their own minds can conceive. He has proven to us many times through the inspiration of His word that His ways are righteous and just whereas man’s ways are determined by fleshly desires: “But the LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart’” (1 Samuel 16:7). There comes a time in one’s life that they must simply realize that God knows more than them and the best opportunity is to “deny himself, pick up his cross and follow Me (Christ)” (Matthew 16:24).

As we walk in our fleshly life we will come across many different teachings when it comes to the wisdom God has provided for His children to follow. He established His church for the purpose of keeping one’s feet firmly planted through faith in His wisdom. He built the church on His own blueprint to accomplish this: “As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming” (Ephesians 4:14). We as a group of fleshly creation must take the opportunity to learn from God so we can teach others about a divine plan for the soul within us. To accomplish this simple yet complex task we must follow Christ’s instructions to “die to self.” Our own understanding will only cause us to lose sight of God’s direction: “And the dogs are greedy, they are not satisfied. And they are shepherds who have no understanding; They have all turned to their own way, Each one to his unjust gain, to the last one” (Isaiah 65:11). Even though God established them as shepherds over His chosen ones, when they followed their own logic they were described as having no understanding. True people of God let go of what they once thought of as wisdom to learn from the Almighty true wisdom that will lead them to His side.

It is easy to discern the fact that God established His church through faith in His truth. The flipside of that coin is the fact that Satan “prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). The ones he can devour are those who are not growing in their understanding of God’s mindset. These are the ones that he can lead astray because their hearts are not being cultivated to allow the seed of God to take root, grow and produce the fruit of understanding: “Your testimonies are righteous forever; Give me understanding that I may live” (Psalm 119:144). Even David understood the power of knowing God’s

truth. He may have been physically alive but he knew that not understanding God’s logic would cause him to miss out on the fullness of life that can only come through knowing His Creator.

How about us? Do we truly understand the unconquerable power of God’s wisdom? If not our lives cannot be fully enjoyed. Satan may deceive us to believe we are enjoying life in the flesh but Jesus has expressed many times through His teachings, love and prayers that life without knowing God’s truth is not made full: “Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full” (John 16:24). The disciples had to admire, accept and adhere to God’s logic to find the complete joy Jesus enjoyed as He walked on this earth with each step being directed by God’s will. If our love for God will grow to the point of complete transformation, we can live in that same joy even as the world around us crumbles.

~ Cub Orcutt, church of Christ, Trinidad CO

