

## Doctrine of the Glorious Church

1. The church belongs to the living God.
  - *1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*
  
2. The church is called the body of Christ.
  - *Ephesians 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*
  - *Colossians 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:*
  
3. The one foundation-stone of the church is Christ.
  - *1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*
  - *Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*
  - *1 Peter 2:4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*
  
4. The head of the church is Christ.
  - *Ephesians 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*
  - *Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*
  
5. The church is deeply loved by Christ.
  - *Song of Solomon 7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.*
  - *Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

6. The church has been purchased by the blood of Christ.

- *Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*
- *Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*
- *Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

7. The church has been, is being, and will be completely sanctified and cleansed by Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*
- *Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

8. The church is subject to Christ.

- *Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*
- *Ephesians 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*

9. The church is the object of the grace of God.

- *Isaiah 27:3 I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.*
- *2 Corinthians 8:1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;*

10. The church displays the wisdom of God.

- *Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*

11. The church shows forth the praises of God.

- *Isaiah 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.*

12. God defends the church.

- *Psalms 89:18 For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.*
- *Isaiah 4:5 And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.*
- *Isaiah 49:25 But thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.*
- *Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build God provides ministers for.*
- *Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*
- *Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

13. God's glory is manifested in the church by Christ Jesus throughout the ages.

- *Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

14. The church consists of the elect in the widest sense of the word of the chosen of God.

- *1 Peter 5:13 The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.*

15. The church is the most glorious institution.

- *Psalms 45:13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.*
- *Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

16. The church is clothed in the alien righteousness of Christ.

- *Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.*

17. Believers are continually added to the church by the Lord.

- *Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*
- *Acts 5:14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)*
- *Acts 11:24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.*

18. There is an essential unity of the church with Christ and with one another.

- *Romans 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.*
- *1 Corinthians 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.*
- *1 Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*
- *Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

19. Saints are baptized into the church by one Spirit.

- *1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

20. Ministers commanded to feed the church.

- *Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

21. The church is edified by the word of truth.

- *1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.*

- *1 Corinthians 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.*

22. The wicked persecute the church.

- *Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. 3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.*
- *1 Thessalonians 2:14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: 15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:*

23. The church is not to be despised.

- *1 Corinthians 11:22 What? Have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.*

24. Any defiling of the church will be punished.

- *1 Corinthians 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*

25. The extent of the church consisting of Jew and Gentile throughout the world was predicted.

- *Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*
- *Ezekiel 17:22 Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent: 23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the Lord have spoken and have done it.*

- *Daniel 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. 35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.*