

The Baptism Into The Body

*“(v1) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, (v2) **Of the doctrine of baptisms,**¹ **and of laying on of hands,** and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (v3) And this will we do, if God permit (Hebrews 6:1-3).”²*

I Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 gives a description of how one is baptized into this Body, *“(v12) 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. (v13) 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. (v14) For the body is not one member, but many. (v27) Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”* Romans 12:4-8 witnesses this Body as well. To which Body was Jesus referring and how do we in these Last Days fit into This Body? According to Ephesians 1:22-23, the Church is His Body, *“(v22) and hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church, (v23) Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”* Now the task is to find His Body. Let us begin with the definition of what a body is... ***A group of individuals regarded as an entity; framework.***³ The words ‘body’ and ‘tabernacle’ can be interchanged when used as a comparison; thus, we will use these words throughout the remainder of this tract to better explain the Church as the Body of Christ.

God gave Moses the blueprints for building His physical tabernacle in Exodus 25. Moses built this tabernacle according to the pattern God gave him, *“to all that I shew thee, [after] the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make [it]– Who serve unto the example and shadow of*

heavenly things, *as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, [that] thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. (Exodus 25:9; Hebrews 8:5).”* In the New Testament, Stephen brought out that this tabernacle that Moses built was, **‘the Church’** in the wilderness, *“(v37) This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. (v38) This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and [with] our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: (Acts 7:37-38).”* The pattern Moses used was a candlestick pattern complete with twelve (12) stones, 70 and two (72) knops, flowers and almonds, and seven (7) lamps of fire (Numbers 17:2; 11:24-26 and Joshua 6:4). Notice the phrase ‘shadow of heavenly things’. We know that a shadow is an image of the real object, so we can understand that what Moses built was a physical ‘shadow’ of the spiritual yet to arrive. When this pattern is framed in the flesh it will become a ‘living’ candlestick which is the foundation of the Tabernacle of David.⁴

Jesus came to this earth to be the Sacrificial Lamb slain for the sins of men, but He also came to purchase His Church (His Body), *“(v28) 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, (Acts 20:28),”* Jesus also told us that He would build His church, *“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).”*

Jesus was the prophet like unto Moses. The prophecy supporting this fact is found in Deuteronomy 18:18, *“I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in His mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command*

him.” Acts bears witness of this prophecy, *“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord our God raise up unto you and your brethren, like unto me, him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you (Acts 3:22).”* Hebrews 3:5-6, *“(v5) And Moses verily [was] faithful in all his house...(v6) ...Christ as a son over his own house...”* Jesus was the true ‘temple builder’ and like Moses, Jesus followed the pattern that God set forth. Jesus understood prophecy and knew how His Church’s foundation would have to be set-up in order to fulfill Scripture, *“(v20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone]; (v21) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (v22) In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:20-22).”⁵* He thus ordained 12 disciples (apostles), *“(v13) And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth [unto him] whom he would: and they came unto him. (v14) And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach (Mark 3:13-14).”⁶* He sent forth 70 and 2 men as found in Luke 10:1 and after His death, in Acts 6:3, seven men of wisdom were chosen.

So what happened to the Church after Jesus died and went back to the Father? The Church became empowered with the Holy Ghost and began to grow, *“Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47).”* At the time of the writing of the above Scripture, the Church was still in existence. Paul knew the Church would go into apostasy (die) and that there would have to be a rebuilding of the Church and another one would do it. He warned the Church before his death, *(v29) For I know this, that after my departing shall greivous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (v30) Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples*

after them.” Isaiah 1:20-27⁷ shows the prophecy of it happening (the apostasy). This Scripture came to pass in 325 A.D. when Constantine, the Emperor of Rome, declared himself to be the head of the Church by merging the Church and State of Rome together as one, sitting in the seat of authority (Anointed) and the Church died. However, God always is in control and His plan didn’t stop here. Prophecy already dictated that there would again be a Tabernacle of David rebuilt and the pattern set-up once more, *“(v11) In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: (v12) That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this (Amos 9:11-12; Acts 15:13-18).”* Notice the portion bolded, **‘possess the remnant of Edom—which are called by my name’**. Edom is another name for Esau who was Jacob’s brother, and you will recall that when Rebekah was about to give birth the Lord told her that she had two nations in her womb, *“And the LORD said unto her, Two nations [Jew and Gentile] [are] in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and [the one] people shall be stronger than [the other] people; and the elder shall serve the younger (Genesis 25:23).”* Ephesians confirms this in Chapter 3, Verse 6, *“That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:”*

First of all, you have to find the one who is going to do the rebuilding and then you have the find the foundation (the act of founding, setting up, establishing, etc., the basis or groundwork of anything) upon which the body is built. We are looking for a restorer to build a spiritual house that has a spiritual foundation. Ephesians confirms this, *“(vs2-8) 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...(v9) But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a*

¹ **Bold, underline** and [Brackets] are used for emphasis.

² All Scripture References are from the King James Version.

³ Reference from: www.dictionary.com

⁴ Refer to Acts 15 and Ephesians 3:20.

⁵ Witnessing Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-13; I Corinthians 12:28.

⁶ Witnessing Scripture: Matthew 10:1-4

⁷ Witnessing Scripture: Jeremiah 51:7.

peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (I Peter 2:5-9)."

Special criteria must be met in order to be The Body of Christ. You have to be called out of darkness – Isaiah 60 came into fulfillment on this side of the Century because it was time for the Church to be resurrected from the Dark Ages (death-apostasy) *"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (v2) For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. (v3) And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."* The restoration or rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David (Zion) began when Jeremiah 30:17-22 prophesied that a man would engage his heart to approach unto the Lord because God had caused it to take place. 'That man' was A. J. Tomlinson and this Scripture came to pass on June 13, 1903. Prophet Tomlinson prayed and prevailed on Burger Mountain and in accordance with the Scriptures he knew that he had found the Church of God. Prophet Tomlinson preached this revelation and people began to see the light of the truth.

Before A. J. Tomlinson's death, he placed a man in the office of the C.P.M.A. (Church Perfection and Marking Auxiliary) named Grady R. Kent and gave Brother Kent the authority needed to continue preaching prophecy. Psalm 132:4-6 gives the following account of David's inquiry, *"(v4) I will not give sleep to mine eyes, [or] slumber to mine eyelids, (v5) Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty [God] of Jacob, (v6) Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood [This is the written vision, a project of the Church of God of Prophecy which Bishop Grady R. Kent fulfilled when writing 'his' vision in Burger Mountain, Cherokee County, North Carolina.]"* Now we start searching for the foundation. Psalm 87:1 tells us, *"(v1) His foundation [is] in the holy mountains"* [Jesus-Mt. Hattin and A. J.

Tomlinson-Burger Mountain]. Micah prophesied that in the Last Days that the house of the Lord would be established in the top of the mountains, *"(v1) But in the last days it shall come to pass, [that] the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. (v2) And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem (Micah 4:1-2)."*

Brother Kent began to reveal the Word of God as the Spirit gave him utterance and he began to mark out the Scriptures shown in the Book of Revelation. Ephesians states in Chapter 3, Verse 9, *"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."* Revelation depicts the Church in the Last Days as the holy city, New Jerusalem prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, *"(v2) And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)."* John even showed us where the New Jerusalem would settle in Revelation 21:9-10, *"(v9) And there came unto me one of the seven angels...saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. (v10) And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"* The New Jerusalem (Zion) is the Body of Christ. It is a living tabernacle, bone and flesh of Jesus.

So how do we become part of this New Jerusalem or Body of Christ, the Bride, the Lamb's wife? Paul said in I Corinthians 11:2, *"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ."* There is a covenant between those who will give their all to press toward the mark of the high calling [being Bride] in Christ Jesus (Philippians

3:14); these people will ask their way to Zion, *"They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward [saying], Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant [that] shall not be forgotten."* This joining in a perpetual covenant with the Lord can only be accomplished through the motivation of the Spirit of God that searches the hearts of those who are called, chosen and faithful. These people will ask their way to Zion.

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"But now hath God set the members every one of them *in the body*, as it hath pleased him."

I Corinthians 12:18 - KVJ

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