

HIS BODY

1. Text: Ephesians 1:22-23
2. The simple expression “the body of Christ” actually has many important, meaningful facets. It helps us understand some of the great truths of Scripture.
3. How can we think of “His body?”

I. His Body And The Incarnation

1. Incarnate means “in flesh” and refers to the doctrine that Christ came to earth and lived in the flesh or in a Physical human body.
2. Early false doctrine: He did not come in the flesh, which is evil.
3. Docetism: Greek “to seem.” Idea He merely seemed to be in the flesh.
4. John’s doctrine: John 1:14 “The Word became flesh.” I John 4:2-3 and II John 7 Those who do not confess come in the flesh are antichrist.

II. His Body And The Sacrifice

1. Scripture teaches the vicarious (taking the place of another) or substitutionary (replacing) suffering of Christ for us. He gave His body as a sacrifice for sinners.
2. I Peter 2:24 “He bore our sins in His body on the tree (cross) that we might live.”
3. Colossians 1:21-22 You He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death.
4. Hebrews 10:10 We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ.

III. His Body And His Supper

1. “This is my body.” Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:19. “Do this in remembrance of me.
2. The Lord’s supper symbolizes the body of Christ given for our sins.
3. As we partake, we continue to remember that sacrifice for us.
4. It was a symbol, not some miraculous mystery.

IV. His Body And His Church

1. Ephesians 1:22-23 Church is His body. Ephesians 4:4 There is one body.
2. Romans 12:4 We have many members in one body.
3. I Corinthians 12:27 You are the body of Christ and members individually.
4. The head (Christ) has only one body (the church). Denominationalism is of human origin.

V. His Body And Our Mission

1. As the body functions at the will of the head (brain), so the church must or should function at the will of Christ. What He purposes should be fulfilled by the church.
2. We are His instruments.
3. How will He save the world? Mark 16:15.
4. How will His light penetrate the darkness? Matthew 5:14
5. Apply I Corinthians 12:15-19.

Conclusion:

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