

SCRIPTURAL ANALOGIES PICTURING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

I. Seven Scriptural Relationships Picturing Christ & His Church

A. The _____ & His _____ Relationship (John 10: Psalm 23)

1. In John 10, the term “*sheep*” will take on the scope of those who are _____ by God & would come into a _____ with God, through _____ in Christ.
2. The Good Shepherd _____ for the sheep (10:11)
3. The Good Shepherd _____ His sheep indicating a personal _____ with them – (cf 10:14-15)
4. 10:16 – speaks of another flock (believing _____) that the Good Shepherd would gather out of the world & together they would be _____ flock (the _____)

B. The _____ & the _____ Relationship (John 15)

1. This analogy speaks of both our _____ / _____ in Christ, as well as the _____ / _____ we can enjoy which produces spiritual _____ through the Vine.
2. The emphasis in this analogy is on _____, not on _____!
3. This analogy presents God _____ the issues that _____ fruitfulness. He does this by lifting us up or pruning us to produce _____ fruit.
4. As a member of His vineyard, I must _____ to abide in Christ. When I do, He, by means of His Spirit produces spiritual fruit _____ Me!

C. Christ as _____ & the Church as His _____ Relationship (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:21-22)

1. The Body of Christ is a _____ (Eph. 4:11-16)
2. Each member of the body is _____ to a specific _____ in keeping with their _____.
3. The Body is a living _____ united to each other & it's Head

D. Christ as the _____ and Believers as _____ in A New Building Project Today (Ephesians 2:19-23)

- What is Christ doing today?

- He is _____ His Church one stone at a time. He is building a _____ (His Church) on Himself - the Chief Cornerstone, for a _____ of _____ in the _____.

E. Christ as the _____ & the Church as His _____ (Ephesians 5:25-33)

- This analogy emphasizes the _____ every believer has with Christ.
- As seen in the 3 tenses of salvation

F. Christ as our _____ and believers today as _____ In Him (Hebrews; 1 Peter 2:5-9; Revelation 6:)

- Just as the OT Levitical priest was _____ & _____ for service & sacrifice to God, so the believer, since the cross, is _____ once for all through the offering of Christ. He or she is set apart as a _____ to offer _____ today:

G. Christ as the _____ and the Church as A _____ In Him (1 Cor. 15:22; 2 Cor. 5:17)

1. This New Creation was based on the certainty of the _____ of Christ, and the significance that in the resurrection Christ established a _____.
2. We're no longer in Adam where all were destined to _____. Because of Christ we are now spiritually _____ in Christ via _____!
3. Believers today are part of this New Creation through our _____ with Christ, in His death, burial, and resurrection!
4. This is so significant that this New Creation also has a _____ to commemorate it.