

## STUDY QUESTIONS CONT'D

9. What is your role in the Church? What part of the human body relates to that role? (hands, feet, voice, etc...)
10. If you have a relationship with Jesus, how is your relationship with the Church of which you are a part? Are you doing your part? How can you improve?

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word "gospel" means "good news." The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God's presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God's perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do, because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn't end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at [www.gbcmilescity.com](http://www.gbcmilescity.com).



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## SERMON NOTES

### The Church 'ekklesia' the 'called out'

1. IT MAY BE USED TO SIGNIFY
  - a. The entire body of those who have come to Christ Jesus as their savior. - Churches in Asia, Galatia, Macedonian – used to describe a body of believers in all places as the Body of Christ.
  - b. A single organized body of believers in one local place worshipping together Christ Jesus.

*(1 Cor. 1:2) <sup>2</sup> To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:*

2. THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH:
  - a. It began on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 – of an out pouring of the Holy Spirit.
  - b. It was founded upon the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ Jesus.  
*(Acts 2:22-24, 32-33)*

3. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JESUS AND THE CHURCH

*(Eph. 1:22-23) <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

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*(Eph. 5:23b) "Christ is the head of the church and He is the Savior of the body"*

*(v. 24) "the church is subject to Christ"*

*(v. 25) and Christ "also loved the church and gave Himself for her."*

*(v. 26) "that He might sanctify and cleanse her (the church) with the washing of water by the word."*

*(v. 30) "For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones."*

### *Jesus is the head of the church*

*(Romans 12:3-5) <sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean that the Church are the "called out" ones?
2. Why is it improper to refer to the building where we meet as the "Church"?
3. How was the birth of the Church at Pentecost connected with the Holy Spirit?
4. Why do we call the Church the body of Christ?
5. How did Christ show the extent of His love for the Church?
6. What does it mean that we as Christians are "members of His body?"
7. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. What is the connection between the Church and the Husband/Wife relationship?
8. What is the significance of the fact that Jesus is the head of the Church?