

SALVATION IS ONLY IN THE CHURCH

(Ephesians 5:23-27)

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Bible speaks of the importance of the church. Ac.20:28-32; Eph.5:23; Eph.2:16; Eph.1:22,23; Ac.2:41-47
- B. Four questions should let us know if the church is important and if salvation can be found in the church.

I. CAN A CHRISTIAN BE CONNECTED TO THE ONE HEAD WITHOUT BEING A MEMBER OF THE ONE BODY?

- A. Must be Christians. Ac.11:26; Ac.26:28; I Pet.4:16; Ac.4:12
- B. Christians must submit to one head. Eph.1:22,23; Col.1:18
- C. Christians are members of the body. Rom.12:4,5; I Cor.12:12-27
- D. Only one body. Eph.4:4; Rom.12:4,5; I Cor.10:17; I Cor.12:12-14; I Cor.12:18-20, 25

II. CAN ONE BE RELATED TO CHRIST (BRIDEGROOM) AND NOT BE EQUALLY RELATED TO CHURCH (BRIDE)?

- A. Can a child be related to his father and not equally to his mother?
- B. Church is the bride of Christ. Eph.5:23-27; 2 Cor.11:3,4; Rev.19:7-10

III. CAN ONE BE SUBJECT TO THE KING WITHOUT BEING A CITIZEN OF THE KINGDOM?

- A. We have a King. Ac.2:22-36; I Tim.6:15; Rev.19:16
- B. The King has a kingdom. Mt.16:18,19; Mt.4:17; Jn.18:36; Ac.8:12; Ac.28:31; Col.1:13; Col.4:11; I Th.2:12; Jam.2:5; Rev.1:9

IV. CAN ONE BE A CHILD OF GOD AND NOT BE A PART OF HIS FAMILY?

- A. If God has born children outside his family, are they illegitimate?
- B. If children outside God's family, is God an adulterer?
- C. The church is the family of God. I Tim.3:15
- D. Christians are His sons and daughters. Jn.1:11,12; I Jn.3:1; Gal.3:26,27

CONCLUSION:

- A. That which saves us. Mk.16:16 Puts us into Christ. Gal.3:26,27 Which puts us into His body. I Cor.12:13 Which puts us into the church. Col.1:24; Eph.1:22,23
- B. What happened to the saved on Pentecost. Ac.2:41-47