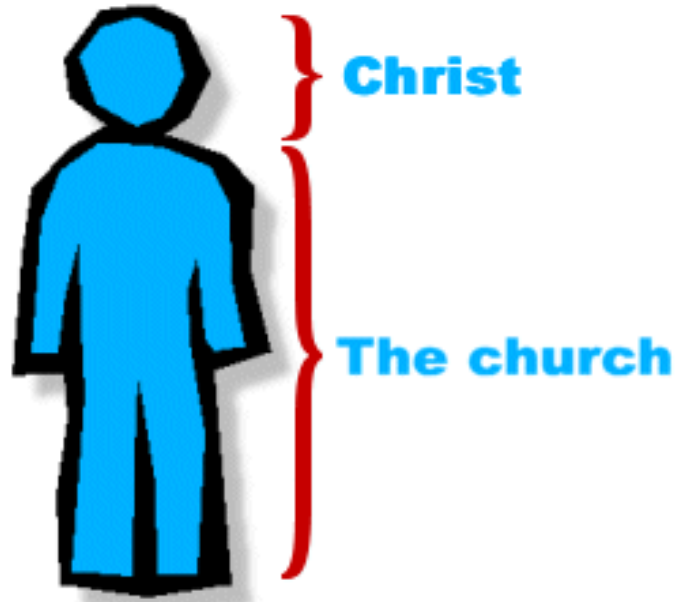


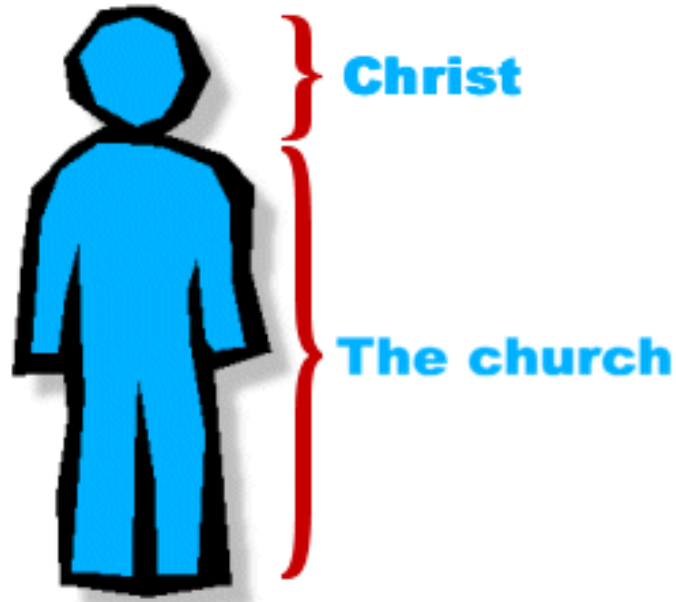
Ephesians 5:22-32

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,



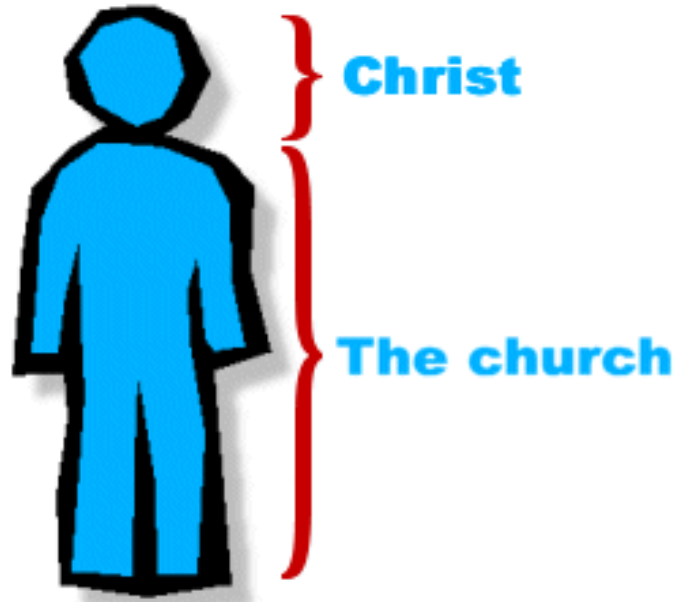
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that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.



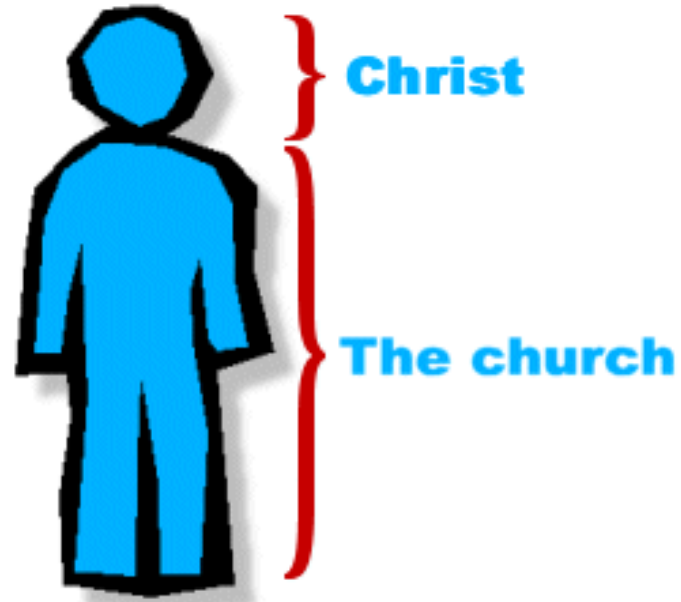
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For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.



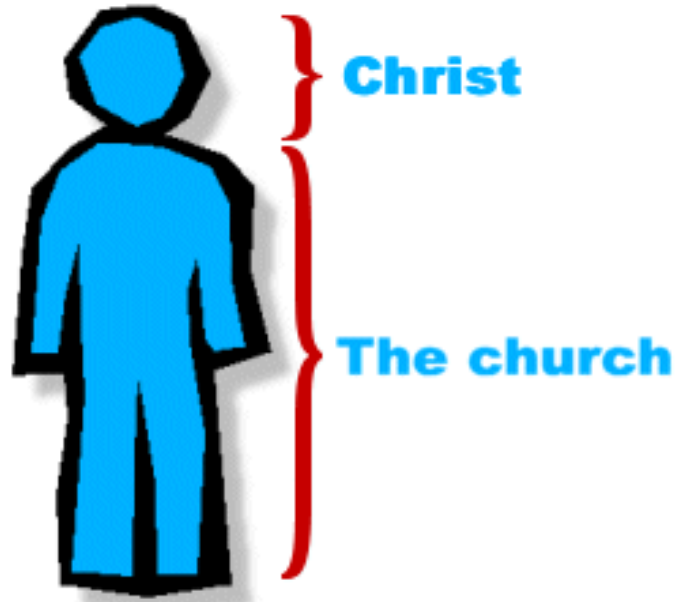
Christ & The Church

- Christ is the **head** of the Church
- Christ is the **savior** of the body
- The church is **subject** to Christ
- Christ **loved** the church
- Christ **gave** himself for the church
- Christ **sanctifies/cleanses** the church
- Christ will **present** the church to himself
- The Lord **nourishes and cherishes** the church
- The members of the church **are members of his body**



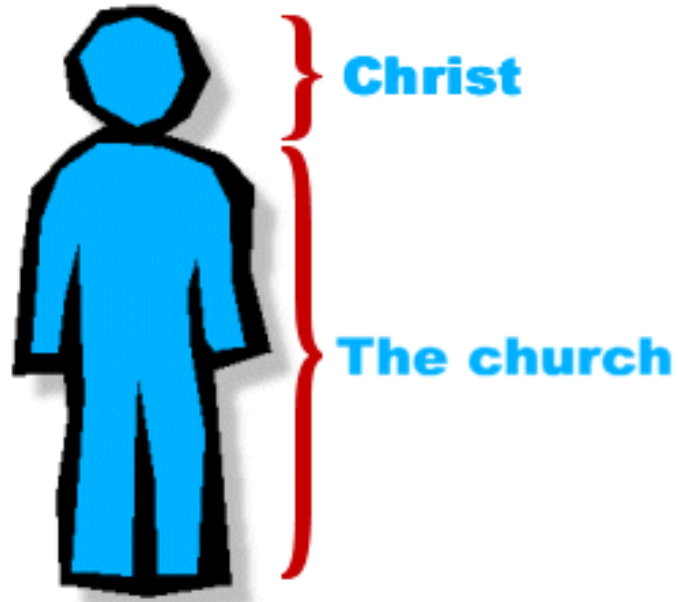
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- **Christ is the head of the Church - #1**
 - Eph 1:22 - head over all things to the church
 - Eph 4:15-16 - Christ the head supplies the body
 - Col 1:18 - head of the body, the church
 - Col 2:10 - we are complete in him, the head of all



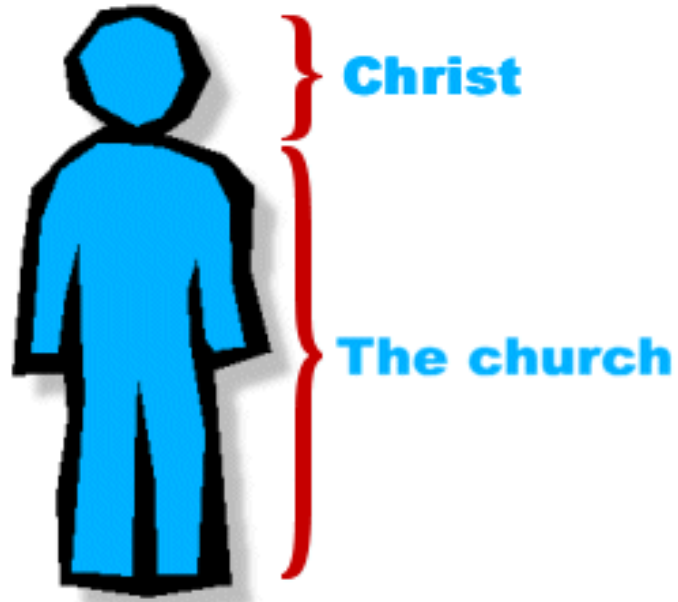
Christ & The Church

- Christ is the head of the Church - #2
 - Headship demands
 - control - the head controls the body
 - connection - the body must be joined to the head
 - relationship - we must be “in” Christ (Eph 1:1 ff)



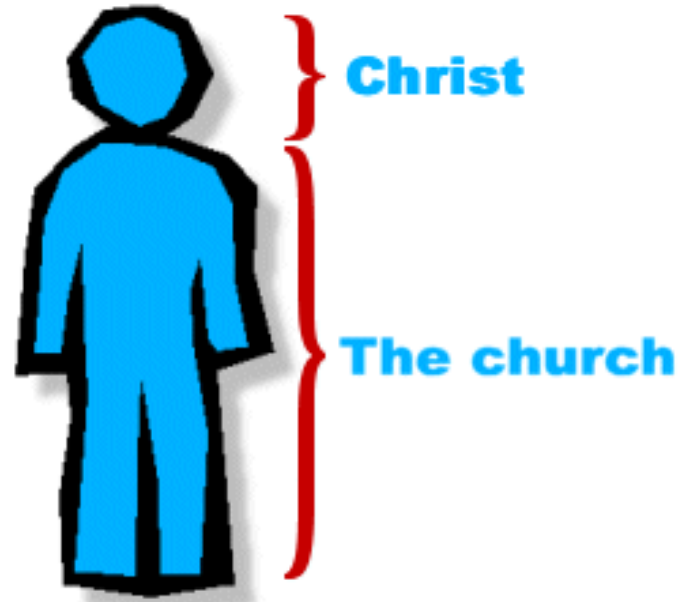
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- **Christ is the savior of the body - #1**
 - Mt 1:21 - his name means Savior
 - Lk 2:11 - he was born to be Savior
 - Acts 5:31 - the Savior obtains forgiveness of sins
 - 2 Tim 1:10 - the Savior brings life through the gospel



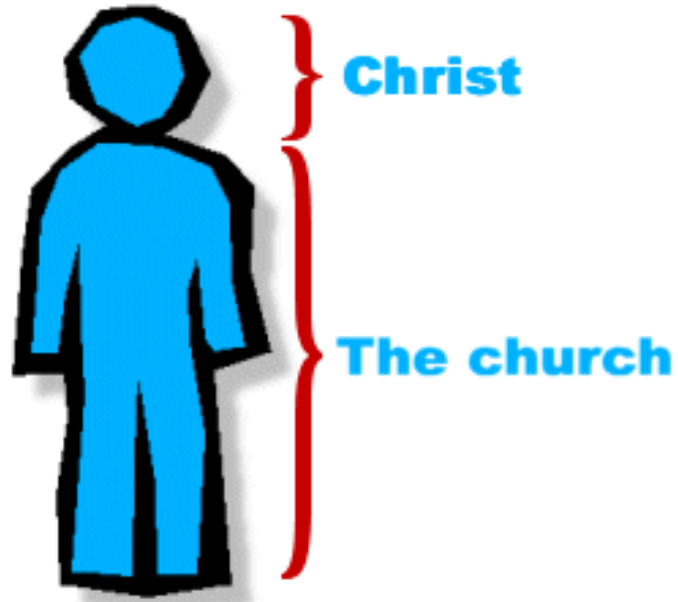
Christ & The Church

- Christ is the savior of the body - #2
- Savior demands:
 - a deliverer/preserver, one who keeps safe/sound (rt)
 - “savior of the body” means one must be part of it
 - Christ does not save anything but the body



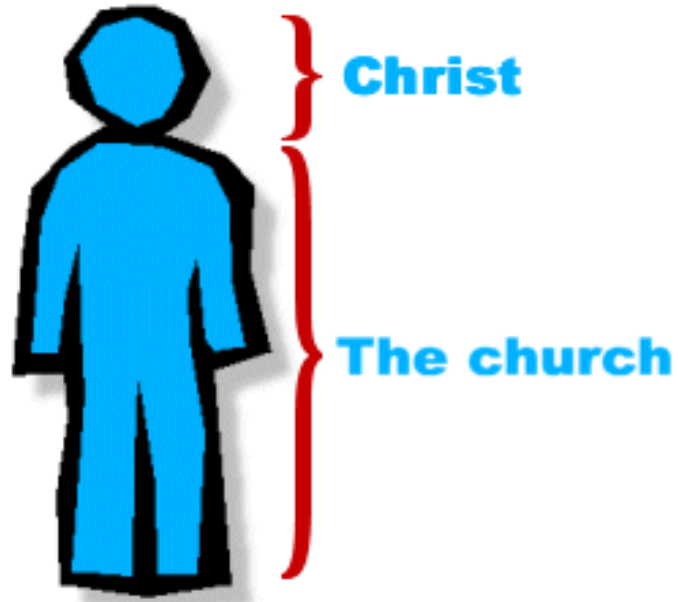
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- **The church is subject to Christ - #1**
 - family: God, Christ, man, woman (1 Cor 11:1ff)
 - kingdom: God, Christ, church (1 Cor 15:24)
 - headship means that Christ rules
 - body-ship means that we follow
 - church's subjection is voluntary, joyful, complete



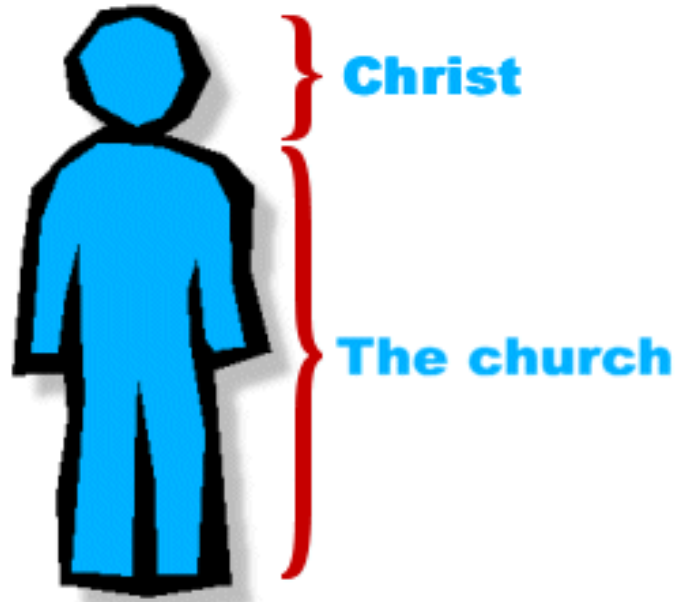
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- **The church is subject to Christ - #2**
 - subject = to arrange, subordinate, to obey
 - there is no headship if we do not submit
 - there is no body-ship if we do not follow
 - there is no salvation if the church is not subject



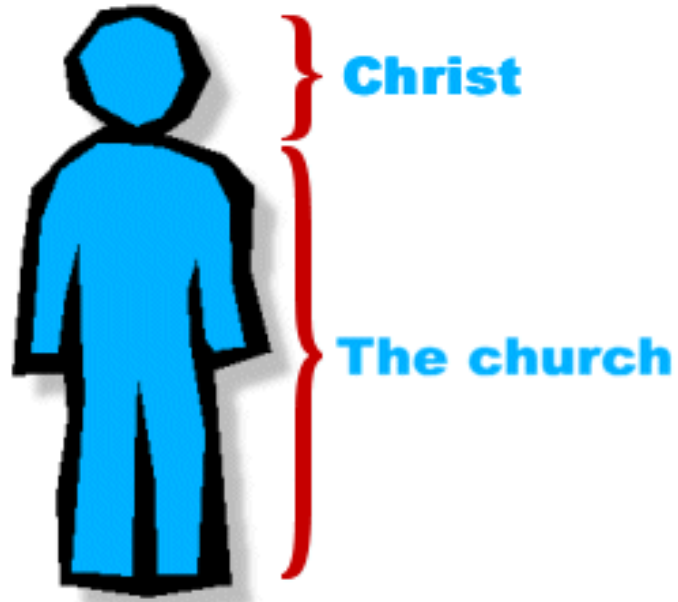
Christ & The Church

- **Christ loved the church**
 - Gal 2:20 - “who (Christ) loved me” (Paul)
 - Eph 5:2 - “Christ also has loved us”
 - 2 Th 2:16 - “Christ ... who has loved us”
 - Rev 1:5 - “Christ ... who loved us”



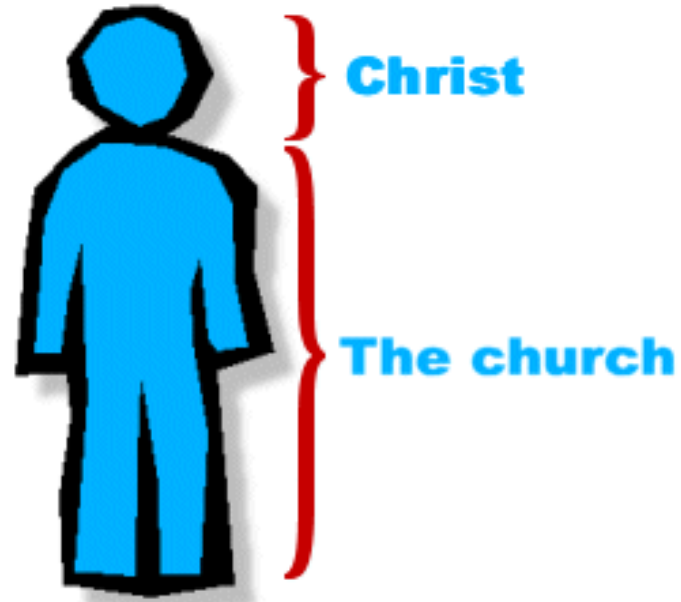
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- **Christ gave himself for the church**
 - Gal 2:20 - “and gave himself for me” (Paul)
 - Eph 5:2 - “given himself for us”
 - 2 Th 2:16 - “and given us everlasting consolation”
 - Rev 1:5 - “and washed us from our sins in his own blood”



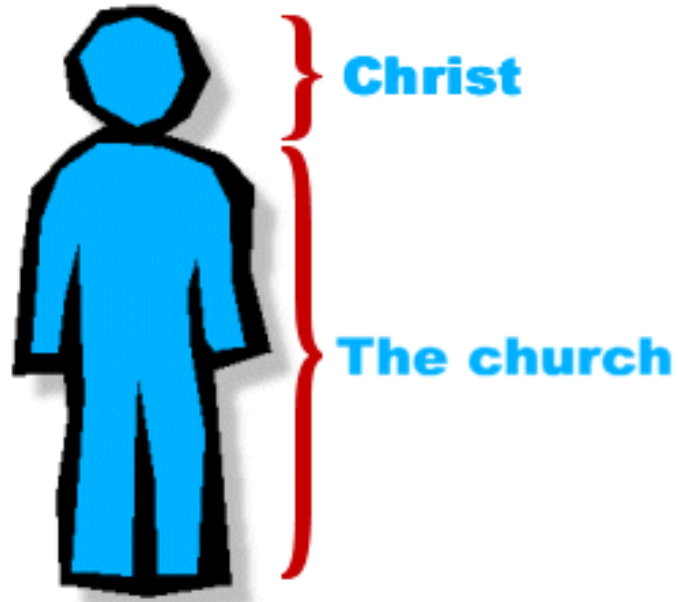
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- **Christ sanctifies/cleanses the church - #1**
 - 1 Cor 1:2 - church at Corinth/to those sanctified
 - Heb 2:11-12 - those sanctified = brethren = church
 - 2 Tim 2:21 - we must be sanctified & cleansed vessels
 - Heb 9:13-14 - Christ's blood sanctifies & cleanses



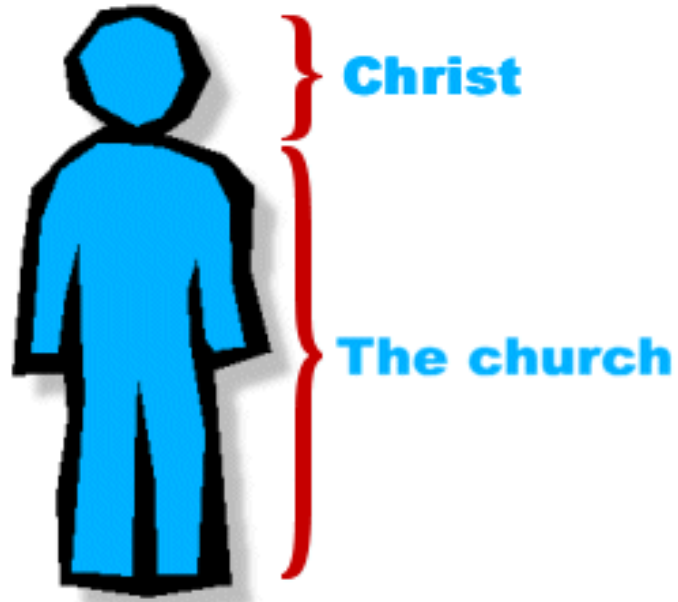
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- **Christ sanctifies/cleanses the church - #2**
 - With the washing of water by the word (aas)
 - sanctifies - positive/to separate to/for God (aas)
 - cleanse - negative/to remove sin (aap)
 - both occur in (and only in) baptism



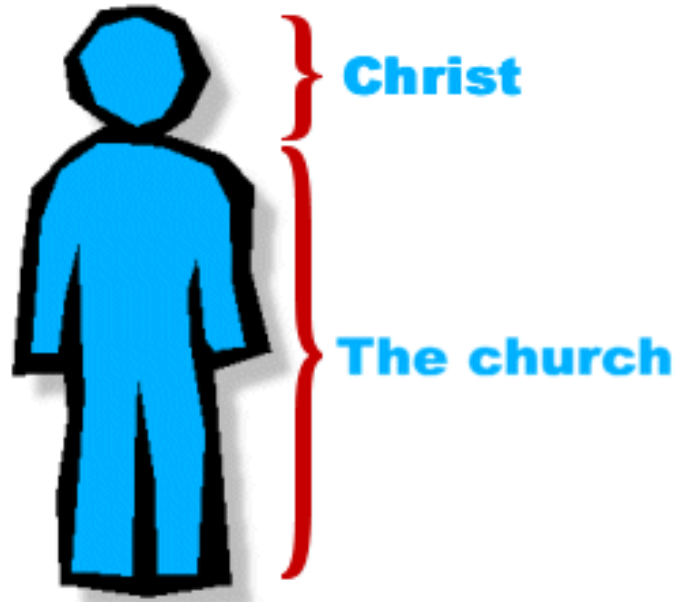
Christ & The Church

- **Christ sanctifies/cleanses the church - #3**
 - the church is sanctified/cleansed when it is made up ...
 - of members who have submitted to baptism
 - Christ *actively* sanctifies/cleanses when ...
 - we *voluntarily/passively* submit to his will in baptism



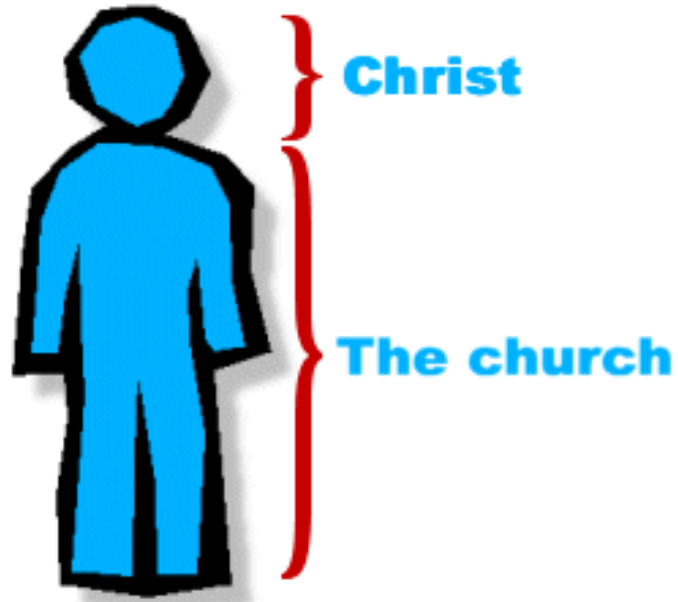
Christ & The Church

- Christ will present the church to himself - #1
 - 2 Cor 11:2 - present the church a virgin to Christ
 - Col 1:18 - present every man perfect in Christ
 - the finality of the presentation - at the end of time
 - Christ will present/stand near/beside his church



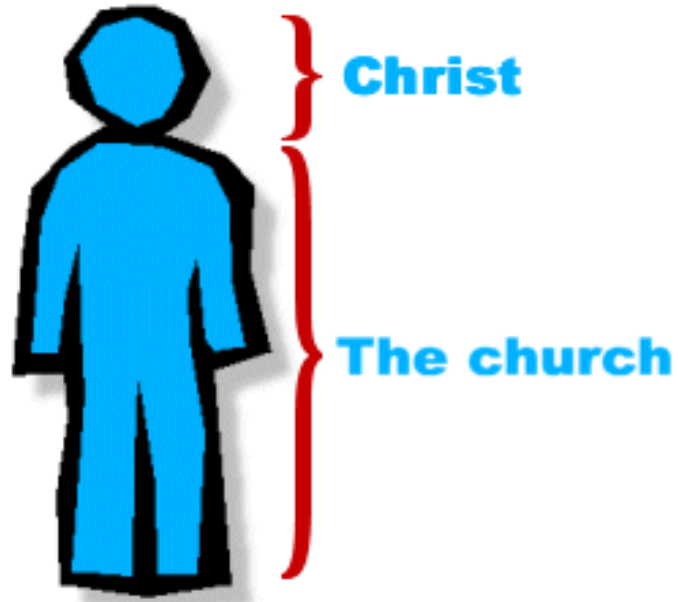
Christ & The Church

- Christ will present the church to himself - #2
 - without spot/wrinkle (*fig*) holy/without blemish (*lit*)
 - church perfected *then* must be the church holy *now*
 - the finality of the presentation - at the end of time
 - Christ will present/stand near/beside his church



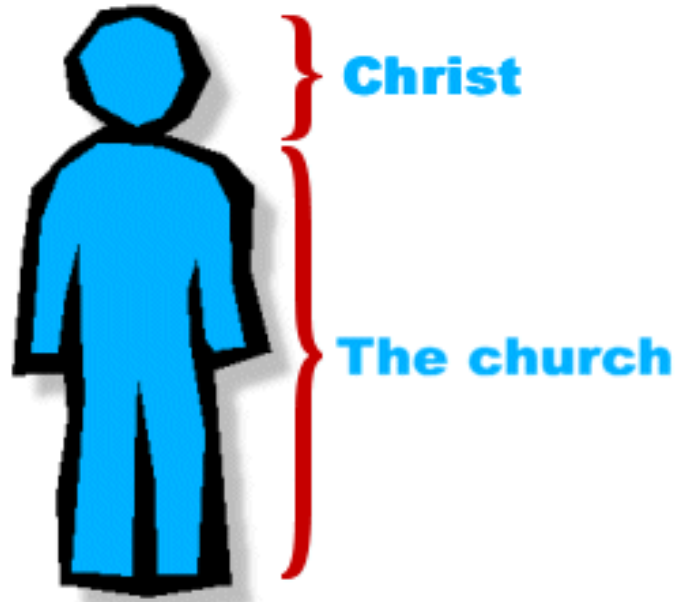
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- **The Lord nourishes and cherishes the church - #1**
 - Eph 6:4 - children brought up in nurture/admonition
 - to nurture, to bring up to maturity
 - 1 Th 2:7 - nursing mother cherishes her own children
 - to keep warm, to cherish with tender love



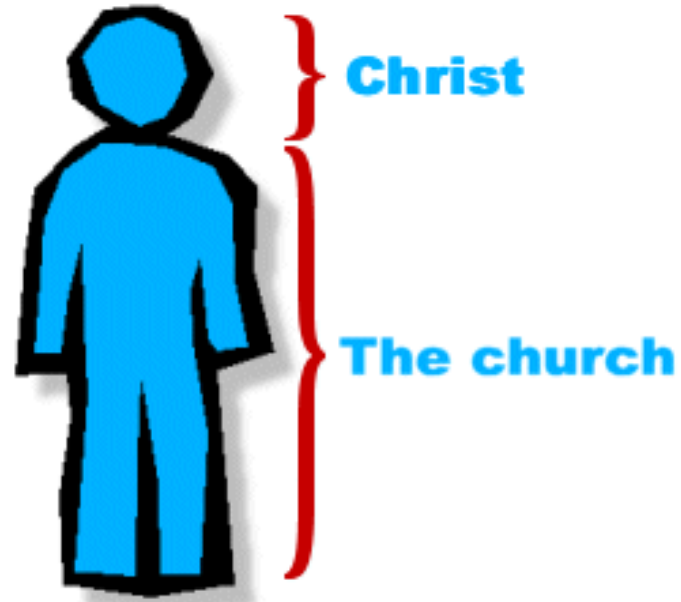
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- **The Lord nourishes and cherishes the church - #2**
 - principle - men take care of their own bodies (lesser)
 - practice - Christ takes care of his own body (greater)
 - Christ's concern for the church is greater because the church is the body of the saved/redeemed



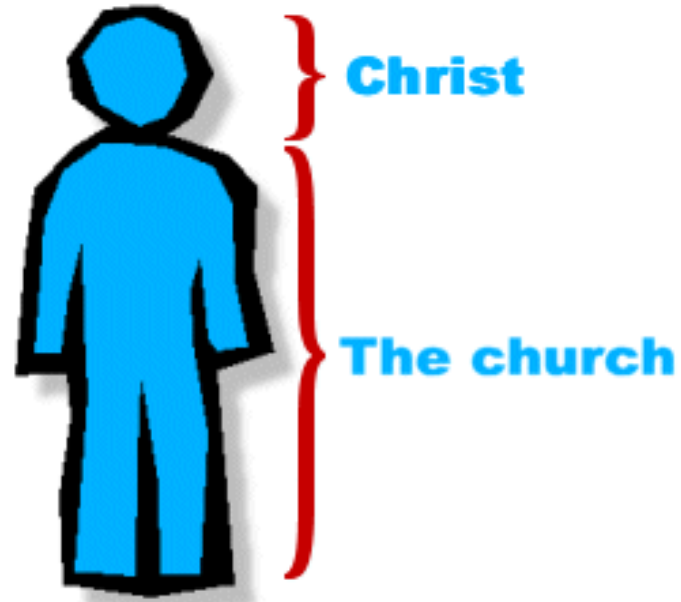
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- The members of the church are members of his body - #1
 - Gen 2:23 - Eve was part of Adam's body
 - Eph 1:23 - the church = Christ's body, the fullness of God
 - Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 6/12 - we are members of Christ
 - Col 2:19 - members of the body uphold the head



Christ & The Church

- The members of the church are members of his body - #2
 - what applies to the church as a whole
 - applies to individual members of the body
 - if the church is the body of the redeemed/saved
 - then each individual has been redeemed/saved



Christ & The Church

- **Summary**
 - what applies to the church as a whole
 - applies to individual members of the body
 - if the church is the body of the redeemed/saved
 - then each individual has been redeemed/saved
 - **then each Christian lives consistent with redemption**

