

The Church Is Like ...

"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

There are nearly _____ images used to describe the _____.

The Church Is Like A Lampstand

- A. 2 Chronicles 4:7 - Lampstands were _____ objects in the ancient world. There were _____ of them in the temple.
- B. The church as a lampstand:
 - 1. Revelation 1 - The church pictured as a lampstand:
 - a. 1:12,13 - Who was this _____ of _____, and what is meant by the _____ lampstands?
 - b. 1:17,18 - The man in the vision is _____.
 - c. 1:20 - The lampstands represent the _____.
 - 2. Matthew 5:14-16 - We are the _____ of the _____.
 - 3. John 3:19,20 - But the world may _____ the _____.
- C. John 1:4,5 - _____ will not _____ the light.

The Church Is Like A Body

- A. The church as a body:
 - 1. Colossians 1:18 - Christ, the _____ of the body, the _____.
 - 2. Ephesians 4:15,16 - The church must _____ up into Him who is the _____. Otherwise, there is no _____.
 - 3. Romans 12:4,5 - This image also shows our _____ with other _____: "_____ of one another".
- B. Can we be _____ of Christ but have _____ to do with the church? This image answers that question.

The Church Is Like A Bride

- A. The church as a bride:
 - 1. Ephesians 5:22-24 - The church is _____ to Christ.
 - 2. Ephesians 5:25-27 - The image also shows how Christians must be _____ to Christ.
 - 3. Isaiah 62:5 - The husband _____ over the bride!
 - 4. Revelation 19:7,8 - As Christ's bride, we must keep ourselves _____, and make ourselves _____ to meet Him.
- B. Piper: The _____ will come to _____ His bride ...

How can anyone consider the _____ as undesirable?!

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