

THE CHURCH AND THE BODY OF CHRIST IS BEST THAT GOD HAS

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- The Word says that you are important to God
- The church and the body of Christ is the best that God has
- The church is God's avenue to do what He wants to do here on the earth
- Jesus prayed: Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
- His will can only be done through the body of Christ
- Jesus is the only hope, He is a surety

Colossians 1:27 (NASB)

to whom God willed to make known what the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles is, the mystery that is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- Jesus is living on the inside of you and if you understand that there is eternal hope in every situation
- Our hope in Jesus is a guarantee
- What is the church's relevance in a time like this?
- God is in control of what is happening on the earth through the body of Christ
- We are not going down we are going up
- There is a rising up and an awakening in the Spirit
- The church is going to experience the power manifestation, we need to be ready
- The body of Christ is the avenue that God is going to use, not a certain person
- There is a mighty move of God that is going to happen
- We are slowly getting there, we are in the process of being prepared to do something great for God
- We are not purposed to be in survival mode
- The solution to change is in the Word of God
- Things are changing in the atmosphere of God
- God is busy changing us even when we are going through a tough time
- If we are open to God, He will come and start the process in you
- The process might not be nice but it is for your good
- We need to bring Christ into every ministry because everything starts and end with Jesus
- Paul is writing to the body of Christ in Ephesians 1

Ephesians 1:19-23 (ESV)

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- Jesus is at the right hand side of God which speaks of a position of authority and rulership
- The church is seated with Him in heavenly places in a position of power not only for now but for the age to come
- The church is the body of Christ and He is the head
- We are not just waiting for the return of Jesus to come back and save us
- There is opposition in the world against the church
- God is with us now and going forward
- We will overcome. The Kingdom of God will prevail
- We need to move from I to us
- **God has gifted you to be a gift to the body**
- There is something in you that the body need

- The enemy is trying to distract us
- The name of Jesus is above every sickness
- You have received power to manifest the Kingdom of God
- There is much happening in the spirit
- There is so much power when we come together as the body of Christ

Romans 12:4-7 (ESV)

For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith, if service, in our serving, the one who teaches, in his teaching,

- If you are born again you are a member of the body of Christ and you have a function in the body of Christ
- We have a function in the body to manifest the body
- There is an expectation from God for all to bring their calling and function to the body
- Every part of the body is very important and has a function
- Every member needs to compliment the rest of the body
- If you do not know your function you miss what you need to do
- We are the representatives of Jesus
- The church needs to get into position
- Stop speaking negative about the body
- We need to recognise the body of Jesus
- We are in the process of being revealed as the bride of Christ
- Jesus has eyes only for the bride
- God is preparing the bride
- If you cut of a finger it will start to rot because it is not connected to the body anymore
- The body of Christ is becoming very important in the time that we are living in
- The body needs to function - the purpose is movement
- We have to complement one another
- We need to come together even if we do not like it
- We need to be obedient to the Word of God
- It is not about race or culture, God does not see races
- It is not about your status
- One apostle is not going to change the world but together we will change the world
- We need to use our gifting in the body of Christ

Philippians 3:20 (ESV)

But our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

- We are first a citizen of heaven then a citizen to a country