

# METAPHORS OF THE CHURCH

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## INTRODUCTION

1. Matthew 16:13-19
2. The church is one of the most important institutions on earth.
3. Since it is so important we need to understand some things about the church such as; when it began, the name of it, where it began, how the church is to worship, and the government of the church.
4. In stressing the importance of the church the inspired writer used metaphors to help us understand the church.
5. A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a word or phrase literally denoting one kind of object or idea, is used in place of another to suggest a likeness or analogy between them.

## II DISCUSSION

### A. BEAUTIFUL BRIDE OF CHRIST Revelation 22:17

1. Christ is the groom John 3:29 Church is the bride 2 Corinthians 11:2
2. We must be pure for the marriage. 2 Corinthians 11:2
3. We must be fruitful. Romans 7:4
4. We must have only one husband. Romans 7:4

### B. Household I Timothy 3:15

1. Background of this verse is Isaiah 2:2-3
2. God's is our Father Matthew 6:9; 5:45
3. Christ is our elder brother. Romans 8:16-17; Hebrews 3:6
4. Marriage is the foundation of the Family. So the marriage must be right to have a good family. The proper people are to marry.
4. House is where the family dwells. I Corinthians 3:16-17
5. Our relationship one to another. Romans 12:3; I Peter 1:22; Matthew 12:50

### C. Army 2 Timothy 2:3

1. We must be in the Army.
2. We must obey. Hebrews 5:8-9; John 14:15; Army is based on obedience.
3. Must be trained to fight. Ephesians 6:11-17
4. We must fight. I Peter 5:8; Jude 3; 2 Timothy 2:3-4; I Timothy 6:12 ; 1:18

### D. Husbandry I Corinthians 3:9

1. There is work to be done. I Corinthians 15:58
2. Seed must be planted. Luke 8:11
3. It makes a difference what we plant. Matthew 13:24-30; 15:9
4. Must be watered and watered. I Corinthians 3:6
5. If no work we will be cut off. John 15:6

## III Conclusion

1. These are some of the metaphors
2. As you can see the church is important. One is not as good as another.
3. Are you a member of the Lord's church.

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