



The Body of Jesus

Part 3:

Into Jesus by the Truth
out like Jesus with the Truth

The Body Of Christ.

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2. Be eager to maintain the unity established by the Spirit, bought with the blood of Jesus.
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(Eph 4:1) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

(Eph 4:2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,

(Eph 4:3) eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

(Eph 4:4) There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—

(Eph 4:5) one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

(Eph 4:6) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all

(Eph 4:7) But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

(Eph 4:8) Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

(Eph 4:9) In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?

(Eph 4:10) He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

(Eph 4:11) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

(Eph 4:12) to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

(Eph 4:13) until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

(Eph 4:14) so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

(Eph 4:15) Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

(Eph 4:16) from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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(1 Tim 3:15) if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, **a pillar and buttress of the truth.**

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(Rom 1:11) For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you

(1 Thes 3:10) as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

Like Jesus Our Shepherd

(Joh 10:11) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

(Joh 15:12-13) “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

Like Jesus our Teacher

(Matt 22:16) "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are."

(2 Tim 2:15) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Like Jesus our Prophet

(Joh 6:38) For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

(1 Tim 2:7) For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Like Jesus our Evangelist

(Luk 19:10) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

(1 Cor 9:22) To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

Like Jesus our Apostel

(Mark 1:17) And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

(2 Tim 2:2) and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

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6. Together we build up the body so that we all look more like Jesus

UNTIL NEXT TIME

GO BE A WITNESS AND A LIGHT FOR OUR LORD

