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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

A MESSAGE FROM THE LORD:

The following are some questions Timothy II asked the Lord in 1990:

If the “Church” is actually the “Body of Christ”; then why are there so many ‘Unsaved’ people in the churches, as revealed in the Scriptures.

If all of these ‘false brethren’ are in the churches, then how can we ever become the “Church” without spot or wrinkle? (Ephesians 5:27)

On August 13, 1990, the Lord gave Timothy II a message.....He said:

“All the Body is the Church - But not all of the Church is the Body !!”

What the Lord was saying to Timothy II is that when we talk about the “Body of Christ”, we are referring to the ‘True Believers’. When we talk about the Church in general, we include the ‘false brethren’ and ‘deceivers’ that have crept into the Church.

These ‘false brethren’ and ‘deceivers’, are not to be confused with the “sinners” that we are told by Jesus to go out into the “highways and byways” and bring them in.
(Matthew 22:9 Luke 14:23)

These ‘false brethren’ and ‘deceivers’ are the ‘Transgressors’ in the Church.
They know the Will of the Lord, but they don’t do it.
(Isaiah 59:13 Isaiah 1:28 Galatians 2:17, 18)

These are those that have been in the Church a long time, causing all kinds of problems, over and over again. You know who they are!
Many of these people become Church ‘Hoppers’, so that they can find a Church and/or Pastor/Priest that will say the things they want to hear and tickle their ears.
(2 Timothy 4:3, 4)

Unfortunately, many of these people are great tithers, so many Pastors/Priests are afraid to let them go. They use their money to influence the True “Body of Christ”, especially the Church leaders.

Many of them also want to be in Church leadership, such as being members of a Board, an Elder or a Deacon, etc., in order to control the Church.

They are always a great ‘respector of persons’ in order to benefit themselves.

(Proverbs 28:21 James 2: 9)

You Pastors/Priests should not be afraid to let these ‘false brethren’ and ‘deceivers’ go; because if you do let them go, the Lord will provide for your needs and everything in the church will run a lot smoother.

That is why in these last days, it is time to challenge these ‘so called’ members of the “Church”, that are not part of the “Body of Christ”.

It is time to make them get off of the fence, and either “repent” and get saved, or take their ‘divisions and strife’ elsewhere.

(Proverbs 6:12-15 Proverbs 22: 10)

There is always hope that God may touch these ‘false brethren’ and ‘deceivers’. Some may be won through ‘Compassion’, although that is doubtful; but most likely they may be won through ‘Fear’!

(Jude 22, 23)

In these last days, God is bringing His “True Worshipers” together to worship “Him” in Spirit and in Truth.

(John 4:23, 24)

This Study Guide is meant to help point out the difference between the “Church” and the “Body of Christ”.

Those in the churches that are not of the “Body of Christ”, will eventually make up the “Apostate Church” which will be here after the Translation (or Rapture) of the True Church!

The Lord will write ‘Ichabod’ around these Churches, and they will be left behind!

(1 Samuel 4:21, 22)

All of the “Body of Christ” will be going in the Translation (or Rapture) of the Church, but not all of those in the churches!

Amen!

*** Pastors: Recommended reading is the book by Timothy II, “The Seven Golden Candlesticks”; which is available upon request without charge.

*** Church Leaders: Recommended reading is the Study Guide by Timothy II on the “Deceivers and the Deceived in the Church”.

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I. THE “BODY OF CHRIST”:

The following Scriptures identify the “Body of Christ”, and what we are Commanded to do as Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders.

As the “Body of Christ”, the Leaders must get rid of the bad parts of the Body in order to save the rest.

Matt 5:29-30

29 **And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. (Gehenna)**

30 **And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.**

It is important that the “Body of Christ” become of one mind and one accord.
(Acts 1:14 2:1 2:46)

This cannot be done if there is any evil person that brings darkness with them.
(2 Corinthians 6:14)

Matt 6:22-23

22 **The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.**

23 **But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!**

The “Body of Christ” is made up of many members; however, we do not all have the same Call or Office.

(1 Corinthians 10:17 Ephesians 4:4 Colossians 3: 15)

Rom 12:4-5

4 **For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:**

5 **So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**

The “Body of Christ” is made up of many ethnic groups, and walks of life.

1 Cor 12:12-14

12 **For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body:** so also is Christ.

13 **For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free;** and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

Eph 3:6

6 **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body,** and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Since we are not all the same members in one body, who are we to say who is part of the “Body of Christ”? It is God that chooses the members as it pleases Him.

Not many of us would want to be the ‘armpit’ of the body, yet it does exist and IS part of the body. Do you accept them?

There should be no schism in the body. All members of the body have a function, and are important. What’s more important, is we cannot do without each other!

1 Cor 12:15-27

15 **If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?**

16 **And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?**

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath **God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.**

19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

20 But **now are they many members, yet but one body.**

21 **And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.**

22 Nay, **much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:**

23 **And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.**

24 For our comely parts have no need: but **God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:**

25 **That there should be no schism in the body;** but that the members should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

27 **Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.**

Jesus gave us the ‘Doma Gifts’, which make up the ‘5 Fold Ministry’ of Leadership. They are for the edifying of the “Body of Christ”. This is so that we will not be carried about with every wind of doctrine of men; but that we may grow up into Christ in Love.

Eph 4:11-16

11 And **he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;** (the Doma Gifts)

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, **for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

15 **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:**

16 **From whom the whole body fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, **maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

(The Body cannot be edified in Love without all of the parts (people) being in the right place and working together)

Since the body is of Christ, we should not judge one another on the things that we do in Faith.

Col 2:16-19

16 **Let no man therefore judge you** in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; **but the body is of Christ.**

18 **Let no man beguile you** of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, **intruding into those things which he hath not seen**, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 **And not holding the Head**, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

For the Body functions through the Holy Spirit.

James 2:26

26 **For as the body without the spirit is dead**, so faith without works is dead also.

II. THE “TRUE CHURCH” THAT IS THE “BODY OF CHRIST”:

Heb 12:23

23 **To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven,** and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

The “True Church” is that part of the Churches that are of the “Body of Christ”.

They may be ‘part’ of a church or a ‘whole’ church, but they are made up of the ‘True Believers’.

No matter what the denomination or names of these churches, Christ is the True ‘Head’ of these churches.

Eph 5:23-27

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the head of the church:** and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as **the church is subject unto Christ,** so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as **Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

26 **That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,** (the Rehma word)

27 **That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

Eph 5:29-30

29 **For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:**

30 **For we are members of his body,** of his flesh, and of his bones.

Eph 5:32

32 This is a great mystery: but **I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

The “True Church” is built on no other ‘foundation’ but Jesus Christ.

Matt 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock I will build my church;** and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Jesus is that rock)

1 Cor 3:11

11 **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

When the “True Church” gets their act together, the Lord adds to the Church daily, not through man or church growth programs. The result is that the new members will become True Believers, not just bodies!

Acts 2:42-47

42 And **they continued stedfastly** in the apostles' **doctrine** and **fellowship,** and in **breaking of bread,** and in **prayers.**

43 And **fear** (of the Lord) came upon every soul: and **many wonders and signs were done** by the apostles.

44 And **all that believed were together**, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, **continuing daily with one accord in the temple**, and breaking bread **from house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and **singleness of heart**,

47 **Praising God**, and having favour with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

Acts 16:4-5

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

5 **And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.**

The “True Church” is multiplied when they “Fear the Lord”, and walk in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, not through church planting.

Acts 9:31

31 Then had **the churches** rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and **walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.**

In the “True Church”, Apostles/Messengers of God will visit and teach.

Acts 11:26

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year **they (the Apostles) assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.** And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

1 Cor 4:17

17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, **as I teach every where in every church.**

Intercessory prayer will be a hall mark of the “True Church”.

Acts 12:5

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: **but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.**

There are Church Prophets and Teachers in the “True Church”.

Acts 13:1

1 Now **there were in the church** that was at Antioch **certain prophets and teachers**; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

They will function openly, by ministering, fasting, praying, laying on hands, sending out, and listening to the Holy Ghost.

Acts 13:2-4

2 As **they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said**, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And **when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

4 So they, **being sent forth by the Holy Ghost**, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

In the “True Church”, Apostles/Messengers of God will help ordain the Elders in the new churches, and confirm those in the established churches.

This will be done through prayer and fasting.

Acts 14:23

23 **And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord**, on whom they believed.

When those sent forth return, they will share with the “True Church” and give their testimonies on what God has done through them.

Acts 14:27

27 **And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them**, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

Acts 15:4

4 **And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church**, and of the apostles and elders, **and they declared all things that God had done with them.**

Acts 15:12

12 **Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.**

Apostles/Messengers of God will be working together with the “True Church”, in harmony.

Acts 15:22

22 **Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church**, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren:

The Apostles/Messengers of God are to ‘confirm’ the churches, not the Pastors/Priests.

Acts 15:40-41

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

41 **And he went** through Syria and Cilicia, **confirming the churches.**

Part of the “True Church” is in the home.

Rom 16:5

5 Likewise **greet the church that is in their house.** Salute my wellbeloved Epaphroditus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Cor 16:19

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, **with the church that is in their house.**

Col 4:15

15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, **and the church which is in his house.**

Phile 1:2

2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, **and to the church in thy house:**

The “True Church” will send out ‘messengers’ to accompany the Apostles/Messengers of God.

2 Cor 8:18-19

18 **And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;**

19 And not that only, but **who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us** with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:

2 Cor 8:23-24

23 Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: **or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches,** and the glory of Christ.

24 **Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches,** the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.

Women will be sent out as well as men from the “True Church”.

Rom 16:1-2

1 **I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church** which is at Cenchrea:

2 That ye **receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints,** and that ye **assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you:** for she hath been a succourer (helper) of many, and of myself also.

Those in the “True Church” should abide or stay in the ‘Calling’ that they were Called to, until they hear differently from God.

1 Cor 7:17

17 But as God hath distributed to every man, **as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.**

1 Cor 7:20

20 **Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.**

1 Cor 7:24

24 **Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.**

Those in the “True Church”, will not offend others.

1 Cor 10:32

32 **Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:**

Nor look at the outward appearance of a person.

1 Cor 11:14

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

1 Cor 11:16

16 **But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.**

James 2:1-5

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, **with respect of persons.**

2 For **if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel,** and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 **And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing,** and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 **Are ye not then partial in yourselves,** and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, **Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom** which he hath promised to them that love him?

There will be peace and quiet in the “True Church”.

Col 3:15

15 **And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body;** and be ye thankful.

Eph 4:3

3 **Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

1 Cor 14:33

33 **For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**

Rom 14:19

19 **Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace,** and things wherewith one may edify another.

2 Cor 13:11

11 **Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

The 'Doma Gifts' and the 'Charisma Gifts' will be in full use in the "True Church". However, they will be exercised in an orderly fashion and without confusion.

1 Cor 12:28

28 **And God hath set some in the church,** first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. (A mixture of Doma and Charisma Gifts)

1 Cor 14:4

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but **he that prophesieth edifieth the church.**

1 Cor 14:12

12 Even so ye, **forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.**

1 Cor 14:19

19 **Yet in the church** I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

1 Cor 14:27-28

27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret.

28 **But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church;** and let him speak to himself, and to God.

1 Cor 14:33

33 **For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**

1 Cor 14:39-40

39 **Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.**

40 **Let all things be done decently and in order.**

Although the Pastors/Priests are responsible to God for their individual church, the Apostle/Messenger of God is responsible for the 'Spiritual' care of all the churches.

2 Cor 11:2

2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, **that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.**

2 Cor 11:28

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, **the care of all the churches.**

Gal 1:22

22 **And was unknown by face unto the churches** of Judaea which were in Christ:

The “True Church” of God is a giving church.

They will give to help their communities, world missions, and the poorer churches.

They believe that we as Christians have all things in common.

Phil 4:15

15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, **no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.**

1 Cor 16:1

1 **Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches** of Galatia, even so do ye.

2 Cor 8:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;

2 **How that in a great trial of affliction** the abundance of their joy and **their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.**

3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and **beyond their power they were willing of themselves;**

4 Praying us with much intreaty **that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.**

The “True Church” will have a music ministry with singing, dancing, and instruments.

It will consist of Praise & Thanksgiving.

(Please read the Study Guide on “Worship”).

Ps 149:1

1 Praise ye the LORD. **Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints.**

Ps 149:3

3 **Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.**

Ps 150:3-6

3 **Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.**

4 **Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.**

5 **Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.**

6 **Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.** Praise ye the LORD.

Eph 5:18-20

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;**
 19 **Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;**
 20 **Giving thanks always** for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Col 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and **admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.**

Heb 2:12

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, **in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.**

III. THE ‘APOSTATE CHURCH’ THAT IS NOT OF THE “BODY OF CHRIST”:

They will NOT pick Leaders according to God’s plan.

In the Old Testament, the Leaders (Priests) were to be of the son’s of Aaron and from the Tribe of Levi.

2 Chr 13:9-10

9 **Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods.**

10 **But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business:**

Today the Leaders of the “True Church” are chosen by Jesus for the ‘Five Fold Ministry’, and by the Holy Spirit for Administrations, Operations, Helps, etc.

By Jesus:

Eph 4:8

8 Wherefore he saith, **When he (Jesus) ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave (Doma) gifts unto men.**

Eph 4:11

11 **And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

By the Holy Spirit:

1 Cor 12:1

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

1 Cor 12:4-7

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

In the Old Testament, the Church Leaders were chosen to 'judge' in various matters in the 'Fear of the Lord' and with a 'perfect heart'.

2 Chr 19:8-11

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

Today we choose anyone to 'judge' the matters of the church, especially psychologists. We even go to the courts to settle issues among brethren that should be settled in the church.

1 Cor 6:1-5

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. (Paul meant don't do this)

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

The 'Apostate Church' has divisions.

1 Cor 11:18-19

18 For first of all, **when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you;** and I partly believe it.

19 **For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.**

(This is so that the 'True Believers' will be made manifest among the 'unbelievers'.)

1 Cor 11:22

22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or **despise ye the church of God,** and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

An example of an 'Apostate' Pastor/Priest.

3 Jn 1:9-11

9 **I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.**

10 Wherefore, if I come, **I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.**

11 **Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good.** He that doeth good is of God: but **he that doeth evil hath not seen God.**

IV. THOSE IN THE CHURCH THAT ARE NOT OF THE "BODY OF CHRIST":

The following is a list of those that are in the churches or are church leaders that are NOT of the "Body of Christ".

1. The Parable of the Sower:

(Luke 8:12 -15, 18)

These are three types of people in the Church that may have prayed the sinner's prayer, but may not be saved because:

- a. Satan took the word out of their hearts, least they believe and be saved.
- b. They have no root, which for a while believe, and in temptation fall away.
- c. They are caught up with the cares, riches and pleasures in this world.

2. Those who have Another Jesus, another spirit, or another gospel:

(2 Corinthians 11:3, 4, 13-15, 26 Galatians 2:4)

These are False Apostles - Deceitful Workers - Transformed as the Apostles of Christ - Transformed as Minister of Righteousness - **False Brethren.**

3. Those that shall depart from Faith:

(1 Timothy 4:1-3 John 6:63-66 1 John 2:19)

They will listen to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons.

4. Those that have a form of Godliness:

(2 Timothy 3:1-7)

But they deny the Power of God.

5. Those that are Unruly, Vain Talkers, Deceivers, Teaching for money:

(Titus 1:10, 11, 16)

They profess that they know God:

6. False Teachers:

(2 Peter 2:1-3, 10, 12-14, 17-19)

Who bring in damnable heresies; that walk after the flesh, and cannot cease from sin, unstable and corrupt.

7. Anti-Christ:

(1 John 2:18, 19, 22, 1 John 4:3)

They went out from us, but they were not of us. They deny the Father and the Son.

8. Certain Men Crept in Unawares:

(Jude 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23)

Who deny the Lord Jesus Christ, despise authority, murmurers and complainers, respecter of persons; who separate themselves, having **not** the "Holy Spirit".

9. False Prophets:

(Matthew 7:14-16, 20-23 1 John 4:1, 6)

They may say Lord, Lord; or prophesy, or cast out demons, or do many wonderful works **in the name** of the Lord.

10. Parable of the Ten Virgins:

(Matthew 25:1-13)

There are Five who are foolish. They are called "Virgins" (Christians), but they are not ready for the "Lord's Coming"!

11. Those that believe in their Heart that The Lord will Delay His Coming:

(Luke 12:37-48)

They return to their old ways of drinking and rioting, and refuse to do the "Lord's Will".

12. The Enemies of the Cross:

(Philippians 3:17-19)

They mind earthly things and their god is their belly.

13. Those that are Called Brothers:

(1 Corinthians 5:11, 13)

But are fornicators, covetous, idolaters, drunkards, etc.

14. Those that cause Divisions:

(Romans 16:17, 18)

They don't serve Jesus, but their own belly.

15. Grievous Wolves:

(Acts 20:29, 30)

And of your **own** selves, men will arise to draw disciples to them.**A WARNING:****16. Examine Yourselves:**

(2 Corinthians 13:5)

Whether **you** are in the Faith !!**V. THE BODY AND THE CHURCH AS 'ONE':**

Jesus is the Head of the "Body of Christ" which is the "Church".

Col 1:1818 **And he (Jesus) is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.**Col 1:24**24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh **for his body's sake, which is the church:****Eph 1:22-23**22 And hath put all things under his feet, **and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,**23 **Which is his body,** the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**Eph 3:10**10 **To the intent that now** unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places **might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,****Col 2:9-10**9 **For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**10 **And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:**

CONCLUSION:

This Study Guide on “The Body and the Church”, is to be read in the churches as a part of Sound Doctrine.

Col 4:16

16 **And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church** of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

Rev 22:16

16 **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.** I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

PRAISE THE LORD !!!!

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