

# A Glorious Church

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## I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. We glory in our American citizenship.
- B. We glory in our families.
- C. We need to glory in the church.
  - 1. Jesus died for the church that he might "present her to Himself a glorious church" (Eph 5:27).
  - 2. Let's examine tonight why the church is glorious.

## II. THE CHURCH IS GLORIOUS IN HER ORIGIN.

- A. Christ established his church (Mt 16:18).
- B. It costs him his life to establish it (Acts 20:28).
- C. Men established other churches, but it cost them comparatively nothing to do so.
- D. The church of Christ is the oldest church in existence.

## III. THE CHURCH IS GLORIOUS IN HER HEAD.

- A. Different denominations have men or women as heads of their respective churches.
- B. Christ is the head of his church.
  - 1. Eph 1:22.
  - 2. Col 1:18.
- C. Men receive their appointments from men and as a rule are subject to them. Christ received his appointment from the Father and is subject to him.
  - 1. Jn 12:49.
  - 2. Jn 5:22.
- D. The heads of different denominations die and new ones are elected. Christ, the head of his church, will never die.
  - 1. Rv 1:18.
  - 2. Heb 7:24.
- E. Men make the laws of their respective churches, but the laws of this church are made in heaven.

## IV. THE CHURCH IS GLORIOUS IN HER HISTORY.

- A. She has always been glorious in defeat--Rm 8:37.
- B. She has always been glorious in victory--Rv 3:8.
- C. She has always been glorious in her moral achievements.
  - 1. Philemon tells the story of a runaway slave; there is reason to believe that Onesimus, the slave, returned to Philemon, his owner.
  - 2. The duties of husbands & wives are told in Eph 5:22-33.

## V. THE CHURCH IS GLORIOUS IN HER MINISTRY.

- A. The Commission & the invitations.
  - 1. Mt 28:19.
  - 2. Mk 16:15.
- B. In temporal things (Mt 25:31-46).

## VI. THE CHURCH IS GLORIOUS IN HER IDEAL.

- A. The salvation of lost men & women.
  - 1. Mt 1:21.
  - 2. Rm 1:16.
- B. Peace on earth & good will to men (1 Tm 2:1-4).

## VII. THE CHURCH WILL BE GLORIOUS IN HER FUTURE.

- A. May this congregation be!
- B. She will be glorious in this world.
- C. She will be glorious in the world to come.
  - 1. 2 Tm 1:12.
  - 2. 1 Jn 3:1-2.

VIII.THE CHURCH IS GLORIOUS IN THE PRIVILEGES OF HER MEMBERS.

- A. They are not voted on by man to see if they can enter--Anyone who wants may come.
- B. They are not bound by the creeds of men, but may read & interpret the Scriptures the way the Lord meant them to be understood.
  - 1. Eph 3:4.
  - 2. Rm 16:25-26.
- C. The members have the privilege of eating the Lord's Supper every Sunday, & wherever they go they are in full fellowship (1 Cor 11:23-29).
- D. She is glorious in her divine kinship. God is our Father & Christ is our brother (Rm 8:12-17).
- E. Glorious in her inheritance. Heirs of God and joint-heirs of Jesus Christ (Rm 8:17-25).