### INTRODUCTION

- \* FOCUSING ON THE CHRIST ... The Shadow of Christ, The Life of Christ, The Return of Christ, The Reign of Christ ... The Reflection of Christ
- \* What we say, and how we live, is a reflection of Who, or what, is residing and reigning in our heart!
- \* We saw this as we examined the Individual Reflection as seen in:
  - Our Speech (Lk 6:43-46); Finances (Matt 6:19-24) & Relationships (Eph 5:32-6:9)
- \* Today we want to begin considering the collective reflection of the church; first by considering the illustrations that Scripture uses of the relationship of the church to Christ ... and then, the interactions of the church.

# INSTRUCTION

#### I. THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

- A. The B\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Corinthians 3: 9-17; Ephesians 2: 19-22; I Peter 2: 4-5)
  - 1. THE F\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BUILDING
    - a. S\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Ephesians 2: 20)
    - b. J\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Corinthians 3: 11)
  - 2. THE N\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BUILDING
    - a. We Are Being F\_\_\_\_\_ Together
    - b. We Are Being B\_\_\_\_\_ Together
  - 3. THE P OF THE BUILDING

a. To \_\_\_\_\_\_ – Our C\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:21-22; I Peter 1:15-16)

b. To \_\_\_\_\_\_ – Our C\_\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. I Peter 2: 4-5; John 4:24; Hebrews 13:15-16)

B. The B\_\_\_\_\_

C. The B\_\_\_\_\_

## **II. THE INTERACTIONS OF THE CHURCH**

#### INTROSPECTION

- \* WHAT ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR LIFE UPON?
- \* ARE YOU CONTENT WITH THE OTHER BLOCKS THAT YOU ARE BEING FITTED TOGETHER WITH?
- \* ARE YOU COMMITTED TO THE OTHER BLOCKS THAT YOU ARE BEING FITTED TOGETHER WITH?
- \* IS YOUR VISION FOR THE GATHERING OF THE SAINTS THE SAME AS CHRIST'S?
- \* ARE YOU HERE TO JOIN WITH OTHER BELIEVERS TO WORSHIP GOD AND OFFER UP SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES – WITH YOUR WORDS AND YOUR WALLET?