

“The body of Christ”
Series: The Church
Ephesians 1:22-23

1. Ephesians 1:22-23
2. Picture – Guatemala
3. ***“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever. Worship, therefore, is the fuel and goal of missions. It’s the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the white hot enjoyment of God’s glory. The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God.” – John Piper***
4. Ephesians 1:21-22
5. 1) Jesus is Lord
6. Philippians 2:8-11
7. Ephesians 1:22-23
8. 2) The church is the body of Christ
9. Matthew 28:18-20
10. 1 Corinthians 12:26-27
11. ***“It is through a local body of believers that we carry out the word of the church in the world. It is within the church particular that we commit ourselves to intimate relationships with fellow believers and submit ourselves to accountability, duties, and responsibilities. In this community our Christian character is shaped, our spiritual gifts developed and exercised. It is the family who ties cannot be broken. It is the training camp that disciples and equips believers to be God’s people against the world and for the world. If we don’t grasp the intrinsically corporate nature of Christianity embodied in the church, we are missing the very heart of Jesus’ plan.” – Chuck Colson***