

### **3 Figures of Speech Describing The Church of Christ:**

**We have studied that the church is described as both the kingdom of God & the temple of God.**

#### **The church is also described as the flock of God**

**The Messiah or Christ will be a gentle Shepherd cf:**

**Isa. 40:10-11, Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him. Isa 40:11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young. Lord will save flock of His people Zech. 9:9-11 & 16**

**Zec 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. Zec 9:10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.**

**Zec 9:11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.**

**Zec 9:16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they *shall be as* the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.**

**Beware: Matt 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

**Jesus quotes the prophet about Himself & the flock Matt 26:31-32 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. Mat 26:32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.**

**Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom**

**Luke 15:4-5** What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

**Luk 15:5** And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.

**John 10:1-18** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

**Joh 10:2** But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

**Joh 10:3** To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

**Joh 10:4** And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

**Joh 10:5** And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

**Joh 10:6** This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

**Joh 10:7** Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

**Joh 10:8** All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

**Joh 10:9** I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

**Joh 10:10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

**Joh 10:11** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

**Joh 10:12** But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

**Joh 10:13** The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

**Joh 10:14** I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

**Joh 10:15** As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**Joh 10:16** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

**Joh 10:17** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

**Joh 10:18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father

**Acts 20:28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

#### The Church is also described as the body of Christ

**One body with many members** 1 Cor 12:12-27 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.

**1Co 12:13** 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.

**1Co 12:14** For the body is not one member, but many.

**1Co 12:15** If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

**1Co 12:16** 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?

**1Co 12:17** If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling?

**1Co 12:18** But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

**1Co 12:19** And if they were all one member, where *were* the body?

**1Co 12:20** But now *are they* many members, yet but one body.

**1Co 12:21** 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.

**1Co 12:22** Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

**1Co 12:23** 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.

**1Co 12:24** For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked:

**1Co 12:25** That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.

**1Co 12:26** And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

**1Co 12:27** Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

**There is but one body:**

**Rom 12:4-5** For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **Rom 12:5** So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

**the Church is called the Body**

**Eph 1:22-23** And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, **Eph 1:23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

There is but one body therefore, one Church **Eph 4:4** *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

**Eph 4:11-16** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

**Eph 4:12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**Eph 4:13 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:**

**Eph 4:14 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;**

**Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:**

**Eph 4:16 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.**

**Col 1:18 Col 1:18 And he 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 Col 1:24 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:**

**The Church of Christ is described as the Bride of Christ:**

**Isaiah 62:2-5 Isa 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.**

**Isa 62:3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.**

**Isa 62:4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.**

**Isa 62:5 For *as* a young man marrieth a virgin, *so* shall thy sons marry thee: and *as* the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, *so* shall thy God rejoice over thee.**

**II Cor 11:2-3 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.**

**2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.**

**Rev 19:6-9 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.**

**Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**

**Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**