



## MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 37



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#### OUTLINE

Is The Church Separate From Israel & The Gentiles ?

What Is The Composition Of The Church ?

What Is The Purpose Of The Church ?

How Is The Church Unique ?



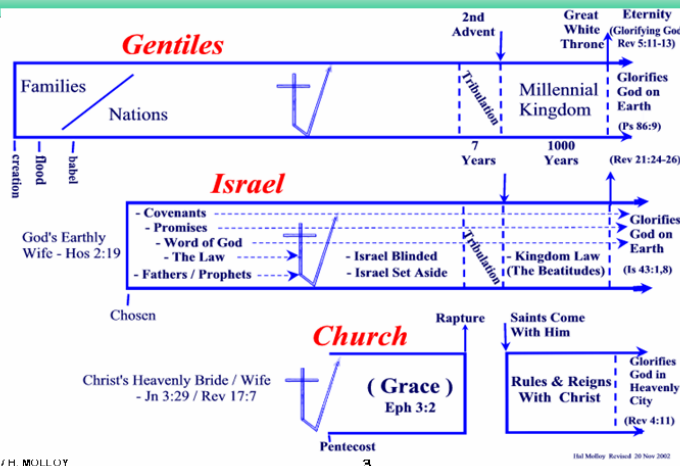
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#### Is The Church Separate From Israel & The Gentiles ?

Answer: YES !!! Scripture Is Very Clear:

1 Cor. 10:32 " Give none offence, neither to the Jews (Israel), nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God:" Also: Gal 6:15,16



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#### What Is The Composition Of The Church ?

- **BELIEVING JEWS & GENTILES** - Acts 15:14; Eph 2:15,16
  - From Pentecost to the Rapture
- **REFERRED TO AS "ONE NEW MAN"** - Eph 2:14-16
  - Oneness of Jew & Gentile In Christ
  - Contrast & Separation Eliminated
  - Peace vs. Enmity Now Exists
  - The Law Is Abolished (Grace Is Now the Principle of Living)
  - Totally New In Quality
    - "Newness" In the Resurrected & Glorified Lord Jesus - Rom 6:4
    - Not the Continuation or Remaking of Israel
- **REFERRED TO AS A "NEW CREATION"** - Gal 6:14-16
  - "Creation": It Did Not Previously Exist" (Just Like We Did Not) - 2 Cor 5:17
  - "Newness" In the Resurrected & Glorified Lord Jesus - Rom 6:4
  - Circumcision (being a Jew) Nor Un-circumcision (being a Gentile) Is Not God's Measure (Rule)
  - God's Measure is the Cross - We Glory there & not in distinctions



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##### What Is The Purpose Of The Church ?

#### A. FOR EACH MEMBER OF HIS BODY :

- 2Tim 1:9

- God called us in Christ with a holy calling to be a vessel in fulfilling God's Eternal Purpose
- God's eternal purpose is fulfilled through the individual believer rather than through the local church body
- Because every believer is in a vital (living) union with the resurrected glorified Lord he/she is in union with God's eternal purpose, which is:
  - To Declare His Glory
  - To Share His Glory
  - To Reveal His Glory
  - To Be Glorified



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##### What Is The Purpose Of The Church ?

#### A. FOR EACH MEMBER OF HIS BODY : (Cont'd)

- 2Tim 1:9

- **HOW EXCITING!!** - How God uses you in His eternal purpose
  - To Declare His Glory
    - To declare the riches of His glory - Col 1:26-28
    - To declare (make known) His righteousness - Rom 3:25,26
    - To declare the gospel - 1 Cor 15:1-4
  - To Reveal His Glory
    - Through you as an epistle of Christ - 2 Cor 3:3-11,18
    - Through you in your trials & suffering - Rom 5:1-5
  - To Share His Glory
    - Christ shares His glory with those who believe via your witness - Jn 17:22
  - To Glorify God
    - We glory only in the Lord!! - 1 Cor 1:31; 2 Cor 10:17
    - We glory in the cross moment by moment - Gal 6:14
    - We glorify God as the Holy Spirit bears His fruit in us - Jn 15:8
    - We glorify God by edifying each other - Rom 15:6
    - We are to glorify God in our bodies - which are His - 1 Cor 6:20



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##### How Is The Church Unique ?

#### TRUTHS CONCERNING WHO YOU ARE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

- Born of God - Jn 1:13; 1Jn 4:7; 5:1; 1Pet 1:23
- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit - 1Cor 3:16; 6:19
- Baptized by the Holy Spirit
  - Into His person, death, burial, resurrection - Rom 6:3,4; Col 2:12
  - Into His body(the church) - 1Cor 12:13
- A new creation - 2Cor 5:17; Gal 6:15
- You share His very glory - Jn 17:22
- You share His very life - Col 3:4
- You share His eternal purpose - 2Tim 1:9
- You share in the oneness that the Father & Son share - Jn 17:21-23
- You are Christ's body - 1Cor 12:12-25; Rom 12:5
- You are a heavenly people - 1Cor 15:47-49; Phil 3:20
- Christ is in you - Jn 14:20; 2Tim 1:9
- You are not of this world - Jn 17:16; Phil 3:20
- You are a temple & building of God - 1Cor 3:16,17; 6:19; Eph 2:19-22
- You are loved & cherished by Christ - Eph 5:25,29
- You are Christ's bride - Jn 3:29; Rev:19:7