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The 7 figures of the Church in her relation to Christ

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The Shepherd and the Sheep

- Israel the "Sheep of His pasture"
 - the sheep of Your pasture PS 74:1
 - the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand PS 95:7
 - we are His people and the sheep of His pasture PS 100:3

• The other Sheep (the Church) of flock John 10:14-16

- I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me ---
- I lay down My life for the sheep
- I have other sheep, which are not of this fold,
- I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice;
- And they will become one flock with one shepherd.

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The Vine and the Branches

- I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser John 15:1-5
- Abide in Me, and I in you.
- As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine,
- so neither can you unless you abide in Me.
- I am the vine, you are the branches;
- he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit,
- for apart from Me you can do nothing.



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The Cornerstone and the Stones of the building

- **Christ is the Foundation Stone** 1 Cor. 3:11
 - no man can lay a foundation other than --- Jesus Christ
- **Christ is the "precious" Cornerstone** 1 Peter 2:6
- **Each stone in the building is itself a living stone** 1 Peter 2:5
 - you also, as living stones,
 - are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood,
 - to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- **The whole structure is an habitation of God** Eph. 2:19-22
 - the whole building --- is growing into a holy temple in the Lord
 - you also are being built together into a dwelling of God



Cornerstone

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The High Priest and the Kingdom of Priests

- **Christ our High Priest** Heb. 10:5&10, 4:14, 9:24
 - so also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest,
 - being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
 - since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, --- Jesus the Son of God
 - for Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands - but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us
- **Every believer is a priest unto God** 1 Pet.2:5-9, Rev.1:6, Rom. 12:1, Heb.13:15
 - but you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation ---
 - and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father
 - present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship
 - through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name

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The Last Adam and the New Creation

- **Christ the Last Adam (second man)** 1 Cor. 15:45-47
 - the first man, Adam, became a living soul
 - the **last Adam** became a life-giving spirit
 - the first man is from the earth, earthy
 - the **second man** is from heaven.
- **All Believers are a new creation in Christ** 2 Cor. 5:17, Gal 3:27&28, Eph 2:10,15
 - therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creature** the old things passed away; behold, new things have come
 - for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ.** --- for you are **all one in Christ Jesus**
 - for we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** for good works
 - so that in Himself He might make the two into **one new man,**

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The Bridegroom and the Bride

- **Christ is the Bridegroom** John 3:29
 - He who has the bride is the **bridegroom**; but the friend of the **bridegroom**, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the **bridegroom's** voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.
- **The Church is Christ's Bride** Eph. 5:25-27
 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved **the church** and gave Himself up for her,
 - so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
 - that He might present to Himself **the church** in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing --- she would be holy and blameless
- **The marriage of Christ and His Church** Rev. 19:7-8
 - Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and **His bride** has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.