

SAVIOR OF THE BODY

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"... the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church: and He is the Savior of the Body. Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; so that He might sanctify and cleanse It with the washing of water by the word, so that He might present It to Himself a Glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that It should be holy and without blemish. So also ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no man ever yet has hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does for the church. For we are members of His Body, ..." (Eph. 5:23-30)

Savior: from the greek word Sōtēr which means: a savior, a deliverer, a preserver. Properly, the Savior Jesus the Christ, who saves believers from their sins and delivers them safely into heaven.

Body: from the greek word sōmatos which means: body, flesh; a living body; a dead body or corpse. In context - the body of the Church, comprising either a local body of believers, or the universal body of believers, with Jesus being the Head of the Church.

Body: a group of people with a common purpose acting as an organized unit, with each member providing a service that benefits the whole body.

In this passage, from Ephesians 5:23-30, Paul the apostle is discussing, by means of comparison, the relationship between a husband and wife – with that of the relationship of Christ Jesus with His Church – the 'Body' of believing Christians. From within this passage we find this title of Jesus: "**He is the Savior of the Body**" - the Church, the Body of Christ!

Jesus came to be the Savior of the World – for all people throughout all the ages; however in the end He will be the Savior of only the 'Body' of believing Christians! Consider these passages:

"For God sent His Son into the world not to condemn the World; but that **the World through Him (Jesus) might be saved.** He who believes on Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:17-18)

"And He (Jesus) said unto them, 'Go into **all the world,** and preach the good-news to all creation. **He who believes and is baptized shall be saved;** but he who disbelieves shall be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16)

So then, for the people of the world who disbelieve and reject God's offer of salvation through His beloved Son, Jesus the Christ – Condemnation!

But for those people of the world who do believe and accept God's offer of salvation through His beloved Son Jesus the Christ – the following:

- Salvation and Eternal Life, instead of eternal condemnation! (John 3:14-18)
- Membership in the Body of Christ – His Glorious Church! (Ephesians 5:30, 27)
- Sanctification and cleansing by the washing of water with the Word! (Eph. 5:26)
- Holiness, without spot or wrinkle, or any other such blemish! (Ephesians 5:27)

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Jesus, with this title, is declared to be the Savior of the 'corporate' body of believers, who all share together, as members, in the same salvation blessings! And, Jesus is the 'Head' of this Body of of believers, of which we are all serving members, saved for a purpose! Consider these verses:

"Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers - that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; and that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all authority, and power, and might, and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come. And He has put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the Church, which is His Body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:15-22)

"For as the Body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one Body, being many, are one Body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized (through Jesus the Savior of the Body) into one Body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, we have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the Body is not one member, but many." (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

"But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, even Christ; from whom the whole body is fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, causing the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

And He (Jesus) is the Head of the body, the Church; and He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the Dead; so that in all things He might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell."(Colossians 1:15-19)

JESUS IS ...

The Savior of the Body!

**He is the Savior and Head of the world-wide Church!
Jesus has Saved each member of the Church-Body...
...for the benefit of the Whole Body...
...and thus causing the increase of the Church-Body...
...and the building up of the Church-Body in love!**

**Lord Jesus You are the Savior of the Church-Body!
You are the one and only Head of the Church-Body!
You are the preeminent Member of the Church-Body!
And You Love, Sanctify, Cleanse, Cherish, and Nourish Your Church-Body!
Amen, and Amen!**

Thank You Lord Jesus for being our 'all' in all things - Savior!