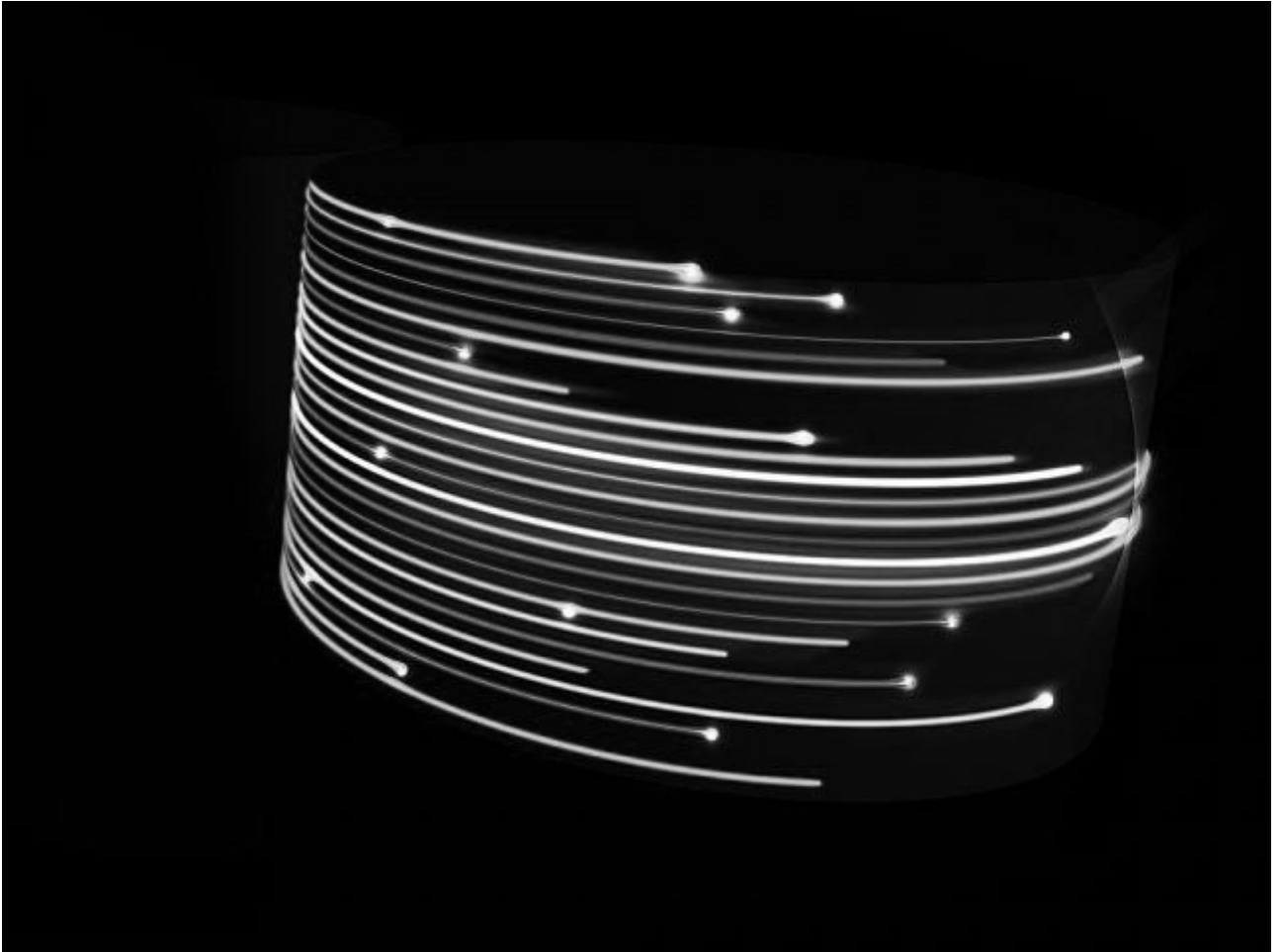


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The Church & How Jesus Builds It

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A ministry division of Church 4:18

Lesson 1 Nature, Purpose & Function

The Nature of the Church Ephesians 1:22-23

Four Words Describing the Nature of the Church

1. CHURCH: The word “church” means “the called out ones”. **We** are the church called out of the world by Jesus Christ unto Himself.
2. BODY: The “body” is the church. We are one living organism made up of many members, but still all one unit, sharing the same common life. It is not an organization but an organism. We are to get organized the way a body does, not the way an organization does.
3. HEAD: Jesus is the “head” of the church, not the senior pastor, not the elders or deacons.
4. FULLNESS: The body of Christ is called the fullness of Him who fills all in all. He is to fill us completely and, therefore, fill the church completely. We are to stay plugged into Christ and plugged into the body of Christ, the church.

THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH = ONE LORD, ONE CHURCH, ONE HEAD, ONE BODY
Romans 12:5

The Purpose of the Church

What is its goal? Why is it here?

1st Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 5:8-10; Matthew 28:19-20

1. To glorify and please the Lord more and more
2. To be about the business of making **disciples**, those who follow the Lord Jesus

How do we do that? . . .

The Function of the Church

What does the church **do**? What are its daily activities?
How do we accomplish our purpose of making disciples?
Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8 & 2:42

1. Baptizing (evangelism)
2. Teaching (edification)

Two-Step Process:

- Evangelism & Edification
- Witness & Word
- Salvation & Sanctification

Lesson 2 The Head & the Body

The Headship of Christ Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22

- He is the One who is in charge of the body (the church).
- Too often the body tries to operate without Jesus being the head; which results in a dead church; an organization and not an organism.

The Body of Christ Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 2:19; Acts 2:47, 4:31-33

What is going on in one's head is expressed through the physical body. The same should be true for the spiritual body called the church.

We are to operate in love and truth.

We are to be "joined" and "knit together".

Lesson 3

Gifts and Fruit in Ministry

Biblical References:

1st Cor 12:4-21, 31; 1st Cor 13:1-3; 1st Peter 4:10-11

Lesson 4

Ministry to the Church

Biblical References:

Rom 15:7 & 12:10; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13; Gal 5:13 & 6:2; Rom 15:14; 1 Thess 5:11; 1 John 4:7

Lesson 5

Ministry to the World

Biblical References:

John 17:18 & 20:21; 1st Cor 5:9-11; 2nd Cor 6:14; Matt 5:13-16; Phil 2:14-15; 2nd Cor 2:14-15 & 3:3; 1st Peter 3:15; Col 1:27; Acts 21:8; Acts 6:5; Acts 8:1, 4-5, 12, 26-28, 35-38; 2nd Tim 4:5; Col 2:19; Acts 1:1; Acts 2:47; Acts 4:31-33

Lesson 6

Being Equipped for Ministry

Biblical References:

Eph 4:11-16; 2nd Tim 3:16-17; Acts 20:32; Col 1:28 & 2:9-10; 1st Peter 2:4-6; 2nd Cor 3:5-6;
Hebrews 13:20-21

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