

A NEW CHRISTIAN

- God expects something from us
- A new life
 - Rom.6:17-18, Titus 2:11-12
- To walk in the light
 - IJn.1:6-7
- Sustained growth
 - Heb.5:12-14

Yet, God has given us assistance:

- The scriptures
 - IITim.3:16-17
- The brethren, i.e., the church
 - Heb.10:24-27, Col.3:16, (Eph.4:11-12)

WHAT IS THE CHURCH ?

- The Same Group of People:

**IN
CHRIST**

Eph.1:3

BODY

Eph.1:22-23

CHURCH

& Rev. 5:9-10

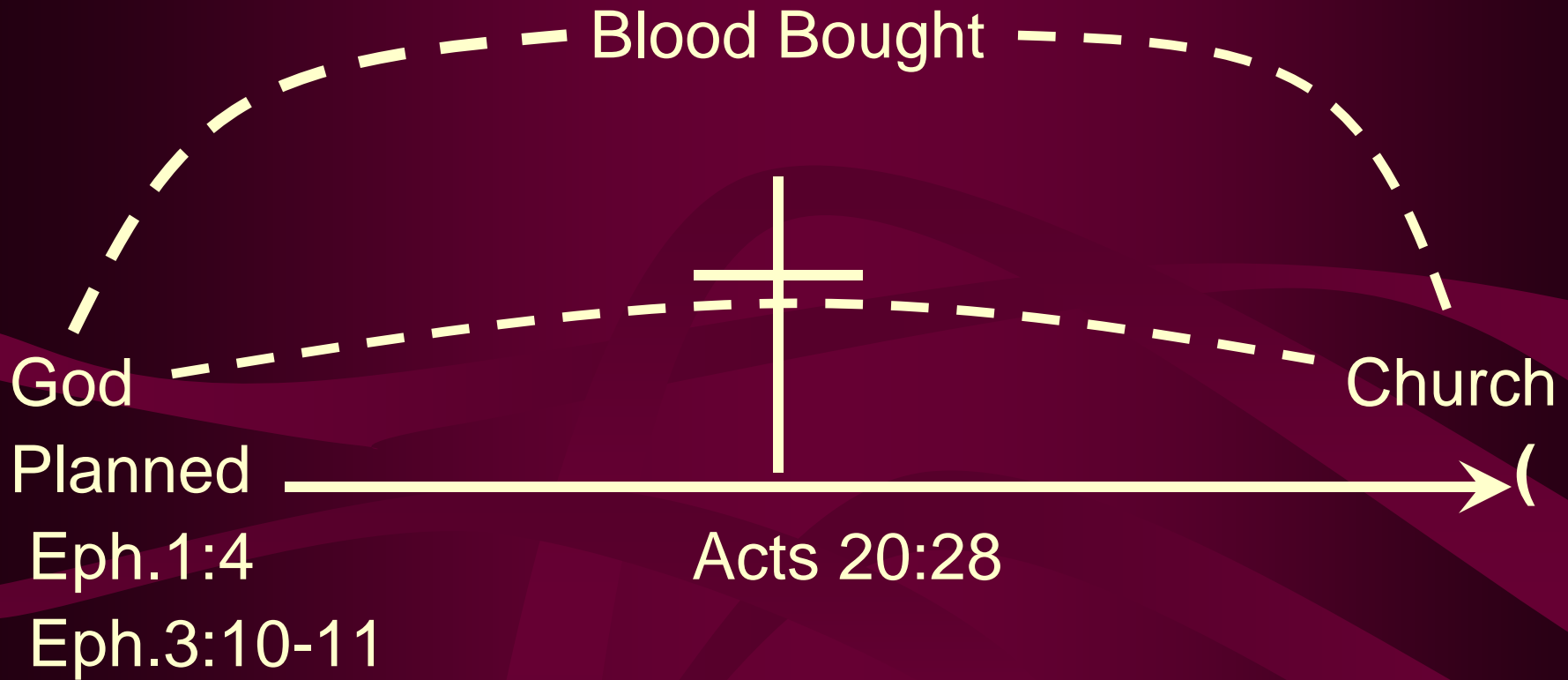
KINGDOM

Acts 20:28

**HOUSE
OR
FAMILY**

1Tim.3:15

IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH



- Spiritual blessings: only in the church:

Eph. 1:3

- The church (kingdom) will be delivered up to God:

1Cor. 15:24

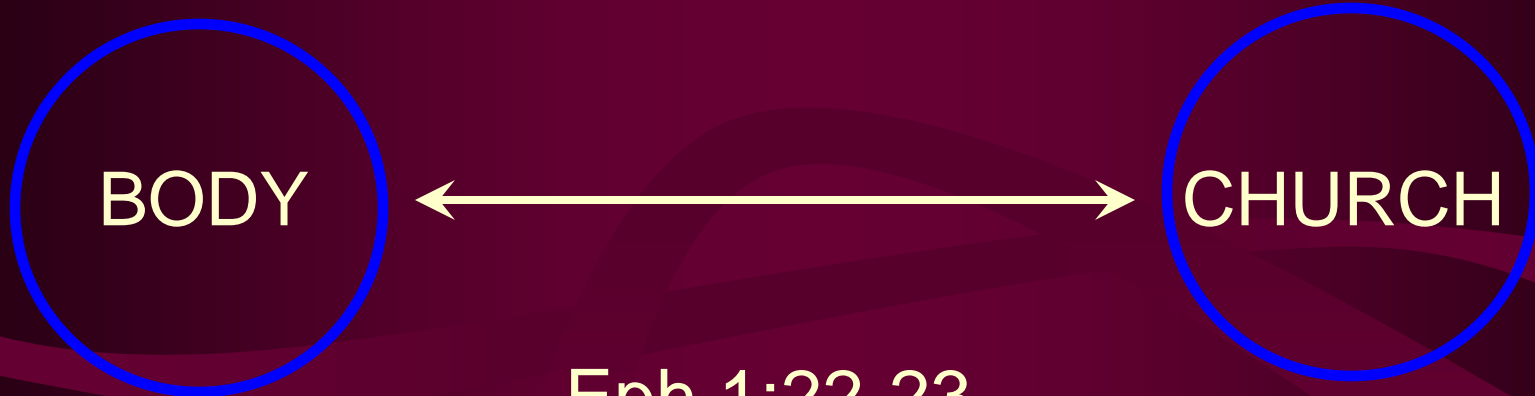
The baptized have already been added to the church:

Acts 2:47

- Baptized into Christ
 - Gal.3:26-27
- Baptized into the body of Christ
 - ICor.12:13

ONE BODY

Eph.4:4, ICor.12:12-27



Eph.1:22-23
Col.1:18

→ ONE CHURCH

- God has disapproved of dividing the church into denominations or sects:

ICor.1:10-15

WHO ARE WE GOING TO ASSEMBLE WITH ??

- Our obligation to assemble with the brethren
 - Heb.10:24-25
- Example of Saul:
 - Added to the church when he was baptized
 - Acts 9:18 & Gal.3:26-27
 - Later joined himself to the brethren in Jerusalem
 - Acts 9:26-27

Today, the situation has been complicated

- Rather than one church per community there are dozens.
- Yet, God has told us that this is wrong
 - ICor.1:10
- And that we can't even condone such evil
 - IThess.5:22, IIIJn.11
- God told us 2000 years ago of this situation

THE FALLING AWAY



We Need the Original Blueprints

- To be able to either Identify or Imitate the True church of God
 - God has provided the blueprints for us
 - IThess.2:14, IITim.3:16-17