

How Did You Do This Week?

Did you assemble with your Brethren?

Lord's Day Morning _____

Lord's Day Evening _____

Thursday Prayer Meeting _____

Did you begin each day with Devotions?

Mon _____

Tue _____

Wed _____

Thu _____

Fri _____

Sat _____

Did you practice Daily Christianity?

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Rejoicing _____

Confessing _____

Forgiving _____

Denying _____

Committing _____

Studying _____

Praying _____

Listening _____

Obeying _____

Exhorting _____

Did you serve the Lord your God?

In Giving _____

In Helping _____

In Witnessing _____

In Participating _____

In Fellowship _____

THE KOBC MISSION

The Knotty Oak Baptist Church is an Independent Baptist Church incorporated under the laws of the state of Rhode Island for the purpose of fulfilling the plan of God for the local church as it is revealed in the New Testament. We not only believe the Bible, but also seek to properly make a deep and thorough application of each of its precepts.

As such, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church seeks to glorify God in all that it does. This includes the governing By-Laws, the corporate worship, the various ministries, the social activities, the teaching program, the church ordinances, and the property maintenance. We believe that everything we do should be done to the glory of God, with a view toward evangelism and discipleship.

Because of this, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church seeks to be informal, yet reverent in its approach to worship; thorough, yet practical in its preaching and teaching; Biblical, yet patient in its expectations for the believers. We believe that inward submission leads to outward obedience, and thus, the greater emphasis should be placed on the development of the inner man, through the Word of God.

In view of the preceding principles, the Knotty Oak Baptist Church expects every member to be participating in the plan of God for the church, to do so with the proper motive, and to grow in Christian virtue, the knowledge of the Scriptures, the grace of God, the fruit of the Spirit, and in the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, of, by, and through Whom are all things.

May God Be Glorified!

Pastor Chris

Word Search

Resurrection Evening

I M K S G D E E E Y S L B T C
 A Q I H A V D N W I G L V S V
 U S O D E I E V B J W S D R F
 N S S N S L E V I E C E R I L
 T E I E A T S T O O D X Z F O
 T N K D M U D I S C I P L E S
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 Z H R E E S F U K M N C H Y O
 N M X T Y Q P N J O P L E D Z
 G U L F J M Q Z C E V X D J R
 P V B P H S V F C Q B O W Z E

ASSEMBLED	GLAD	RECEIVE
BREATHED	HOLY	SENT
DISCIPLES	JESUS	SHUT
EVENING	LORD	SIDE
FEAR	MAGDALENE	SPOKEN
FIRST	MIDST	STOOD
GHOST	PEACE	

Personal Prayer List For The Week

Personal Requests

"Let your requests
be made known unto God"

Salvation Requests

"My prayer to God ...
is that they might be saved"

Leadership Requests

"I exhort therefore, that, prayers ...
be made for all that are in authority"

Oswald Chambers

Must I Listen?

“And they said unto Moses,
Speak thou with us, and we will hear:
but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”

Exodus 20:19

[Generally speaking], We do not consciously disobey God, we simply do not heed Him. God has given us His commands; there they are, but we do not pay any attention to them, not because of wilful disobedience but because we do not love and respect Him. “If ye love Me, keep My commandments.” When once we realise that we have been “unloving” toward God, we are covered with shame and humiliation because we have not heeded Him.

“*Speak thou with us -- but let not God speak with us.*” We show how little we love God by preferring to listen to His servants only. Why are we so terrified lest God should speak to us? Because we know that if God does speak, either the thing must be done or we must tell God we will not obey Him. If it is only the servant’s voice we hear, we feel it is not imperative; we can say, “Well, that is simply your own idea, though I don’t deny it is probably God’s truth.”

Am I putting God in the humiliating position of having treated me as a child of His while all the time I have been ignoring Him? When I do hear Him, the humiliation I have put on Him comes back on me—“Lord, why was I so dull and so obstinate?” This is always the result when once we do hear God. The real delight of hearing Him is tempered with shame in having been so long in hearing Him. May we readily listen to what God is saying to us!

Oswald Chambers – My Utmost For His Highest

Prayer Requests For Revival

For the Filling of the Holy Spirit

For Preaching and Teaching
that Exalts the Lord Jesus Christ
and Edifies the Believers

For the Salvation of Souls

For Protection and Provision
for the Shepherds and their Families
Serving in Rhode Island

For the Sending of Labourers

For Love and Kindness
to be Demonstrated by the
Pastors of RI toward one another

For the Training of Faithful Men

For Courage and Strength
needed to Stand for our Saviour
and Obey Him in these Difficult Times

For the Planting of Churches

For Commitment and Contentment
that is Demonstrated by a Real Willingness
to Deny Our selves and Exalt the Saviour

WATCHMAN NEE

Sympathy To Others

The Lord Jesus was tempted in all things while He was here on earth. He felt the pain in sufferings; He experienced heartache when misunderstood. Great were the afflictions He endured and many were the persecutions He met. Having had the same feelings as we do during various temptations, He is now ever sympathetic to our infirmities.

The Lord is sympathetic towards the infirmities of men, but He is never soft on sins. Do remember that He is "without sin". He has been tempted in all points like as we are, except that He is without sin. *Never* does He say: "I am sympathetic to the sin you commit, therefore I forgive you." What He is touched with is man's infirmities.

What are the infirmities of the human race? Well, besides the sufferings of our flesh there are weaknesses in the areas of our soul. The Lord is kind and understanding towards such infirmities. He is sympathetic to the sufferings of our body and the distresses in our soul. To be sympathetic means to feel what others feel. Have you ever felt the feeling of other people?

Are you at all sympathetic to others? Many times you may be helping people, yet you have no heart of sympathy towards them; that is to say, you are not touched with their sufferings. You may extend material helps to those in need, but you have never felt the distress of their lives. You may feed and clothe and serve the sick, but you do not sense their pains.

Jesus is not only the Lord of grace, He is also a most sympathetic Lord. The Bible gives two titles to Him: one is the Savior of sinners; the other, the friend of sinners (see Matt. 11:19). As Savior He redeems sinners; as friend, He communicates with sinners and feels the pains and sorrows of sinners. Thank God, the Lord Jesus is the friend of sinners.

Watchman Nee – The Normal Christian Worker

Our Worship

Psalm 100:3

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 96:9

O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

I Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

James 1:21

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Joshua 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 6:33

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Charles Spurgeon

"The trial of your faith." -- 1Peter 1:7

Faith untried may be true faith, but it is sure to be little faith, and it is likely to remain dwarfish so long as it is without trials. Faith never prospers so well as when all things are against her: tempests are her trainers, and lightnings are her illuminators. When a calm reigns on the sea, spread the sails as you will, the ship moves not to its harbour; for on a slumbering ocean the keel sleeps too. Let the winds rush howling forth, and let the waters lift up themselves, then, though the vessel may rock, and her deck may be washed with waves, and her mast may creak under the pressure of the full and swelling sail, it is then that she makes headway towards her desired haven.

No flowers wear so lovely a blue as those which grow at the foot of the frozen glacier; no stars gleam so brightly as those which glisten in the polar sky; no water tastes so sweet as that which springs amid the desert sand; and no faith is so precious as that which lives and triumphs in adversity. Tried faith brings experience. You could not have believed your own weakness had you not been compelled to pass through the rivers; and you would never have known God's strength had you not been supported amid the water floods. Faith increases in assurance and intensity, the more it is exercised by trials. Faith is precious, and its trial is precious too.

Let not this, however, discourage those who are young in faith. You will have trials enough without seeking them: the full portion will be measured out to you in due season. Meanwhile, if you cannot yet claim the result of long experience, thank God for what grace you have; praise him for that degree of holy confidence whereunto you have attained: walk according to that rule, and you shall yet have more and more of the blessing of God, till your faith shall remove mountains and conquer impossibilities.

Charles Spurgeon – Morning And Evening Devotions

The Believer And Money

Hebrews 13:5

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

I Timothy 6:9

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Luke 16:10

He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Acts 20:35

How that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Matthew 22:21

Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

I Corinthians 16:2

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Matthew 10:7-8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

II Corinthians 8:5

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Mark 8:36-37

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Ephesians 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Principles of Prayer

The dampening of the flame of holy desire, is destructive of the vital and aggressive forces in church life. God requires to be represented by a fiery Church, or He is not in any proper sense, represented at all. God, Himself, is all on fire, and His Church, if it is to be like Him, must also be at white heat.

The great and eternal interests of heaven-born, God-given religion are the only things about which His Church can afford to be on fire. The zeal of God's house consumed Jesus; and the world is still feeling the glow of His fierce, consuming flame and responding to it.

A lack of ardor in prayer, is the sure sign of a lack of depth and of intensity of desire; and the absence of intense desire is a sure sign of God's absence from the heart! He can, and does, tolerate many things in His children, but two things are intolerable to Him — insincerity and lukewarmness.

Lack of heart and lack of heat are two things He loathes, and to the Laodiceans He said, in terms of unmistakable severity and condemnation: *“I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.”*

This was God's expressed judgment on the lack of fire in one of the Seven Churches, and it is His indictment against individual Christians for the fatal want of sacred zeal. In prayer, fire is the motive power. Religious principles which do not emerge in flame, have neither force nor effect.

Flame is the wing on which faith ascends; fervency is the soul of prayer. It was the “fervent, effectual prayer” which availed much. It feeds on fire; it can withstand anything, except a feeble flame; and it dies, chilled and starved to its vitals, when the surrounding atmosphere is frigid or lukewarm.

Edward McKendree Bounds - The Necessity Of Prayer

April 14 through April 20

The Night Of The Resurrection

John 20:18-22

18. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

19. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In the study of Christian Evidences, one of the most compelling arguments for Christianity is the Resurrection of Christ. *In fact, it is the most crucial piece of evidence.* The Apostle Paul said, "If Christ is not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." (I Corinthians 15:14) You see, the Resurrection of Christ validates the ministry of Jesus Christ. It validates His ministry as Prophet, Priest, and King.

First, the ministry of Prophet. The prophets served as God's spokesmen. They were the means by which God revealed Himself to mankind. In order to validate the ministry of the prophet, the Lord said that the prophet would make certain predictive statements. If any of the predictions failed to be fulfilled exactly as the prophet foretold, then that prophet was not to be heard. The religious leaders of Jesus' day understood Jesus to be some type of prophet, and in accordance with their understanding of the prophet's ministry, they asked Him to show them a sign. Here is what He said: "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the fish's belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:38-40) If Jesus rose from the dead as He predicted (what a prophecy!) then the people would have to accept His words as true; if He did not rise, then He would have to be rejected.

Then, there is the ministry of Priest. The priests of Jesus' day served as human intermediaries between God and the people, chiefly performing temple sacrifices for the sins of the people. Their ministry was, of course, imperfect due to their own humanity and sinfulness. For this reason, God foretold of one who would come and through the sacrifice of Himself "take away the sin of the world." In living a sinless life and dying a criminal's death, Jesus paid our sin debt to the Father. Through the shedding of Jesus' blood, God the Father's sense of Holiness, Anger, and Justice were all appeased. Because of the reconciling death of Christ, God is now able to freely forgive sin. But, how would the people know that Jesus' death was satisfying to the Father? How could there be any certainty that His death accomplished what He said it would? The Resurrection was proof. Again we quote Paul, "Jesus was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." (Romans 4:25) Also, in I Corinthians 15:17, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

Also, the Resurrection validates Jesus' future Ministry as King. The Word of God tells of a coming day when Jesus will return triumphantly to this world and enjoy an earthly reign for one thousand years. This is commonly referred to as the Millenium. It is a period of time that precedes eternity future and is characterized by an Edenic setting on earth. However, this time the "second Adam" will rule in perfect righteousness, unlike the "first Adam." On what basis do Christians expect the promised Millennial Reign to become reality? Are we expecting a dead Christ to rule from the grave? Of course not! The Resurrection validates His future ministry as King. It was to the Risen Christ the Apostles asked this question: "wilt Thou at this time restore again the Kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6)

Pastor Chris

Daily Application

Monday

1. Summarize John 20:18 (*Read Matthew 28:1-10*)

2. **a.** Did the Risen Lord first appear to a group of men or a group of women? **b.** Why did Jesus appear to a group of women first? **c.** What did Jesus tell the women to do after they had seen Him? **d.** What did the women (i.e. Mary Magdalene) do after Jesus appeared to them and spoke with them? **e.** Does the Lord think less highly of women than He does of men?

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and give the gist of the following verses:
Acts 10:34, 35

Colossians 3:11/Galatians 3:28

I Peter 1:17

4. The Lord Jesus Christ does not love, save, respect, select, or bless people with regard to their gender, their ethnicity, their status, their intelligence, or their past, but upon His perfect judgment of their fear of Him and their works for Him. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Memory Verses From Philippians

1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

1:29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;

2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Daily Application Tuesday

1. Summarize John 20:19

2. **a.** What day of the week did these events take place? **b.** Because it was the first day of the week, what did these obedient disciples do? **c.** Because they were afraid of persecution, what did these fearful disciples do as they assembled? **d.** Did the events of the day prevent them from obeying the command to assemble? **e.** When *they* assembled, Who assembled *with them*?

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b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and give the gist of the following verses:
Matthew 18:20

Hebrews 10:24, 25

Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:1, 2

4. Because Jesus promised His people that when they gathered in His Name He would be there with them and commanded His people to not forsake gathering together, they obeyed despite their fear and began meeting the first day of the week. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Our Witness

The Expanded Romans Road To Salvation

Romans 3:19

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 4:25

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Romans 14:9

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Romans 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Daily Application Wednesday

1. Summarize John 20:20

2. **a.** Why did the Lord Jesus showed them His hands and His side? **b.** Does the Lord want His people to doubt His promises? **c.** On the other hand, does the Lord seem to mind proving Himself to His people? **d.** When the Lord appeared to them and removed all doubt from them, how did they respond? **e.** What do you think began to happen to their fears?

- a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and give the gist of the following verses:
John 14:21

Psalm 16:11

II Timothy 4:14, 17

4. If we obey the Lord, (such as assembling when we ought) we will find that the Lord will reveal Himself to us, impart unto us

joy and gladness, and strengthen us in times of trouble, just as He did for the obedient though fearful disciples. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Our Walk

Ten Things We Should Do Every Day

I. Rejoice In The Lord Daily – Psalm 118:24

“**This is the day** which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

II. Confess Your Sins Daily – Lamentations 3:22-23

It is of the **LORD's mercies** that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They **are new every morning**: great is thy faithfulness.

III. Forgive Others Daily – Matthew 6:11-12

“Give us **this day** our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, **as we forgive our debtors.**”

IV. Die To Self Daily – I Corinthians 15:31

“I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.**”

V. Take Up Your Cross Daily – Luke 9:23

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily**, and follow me.”

VI. Study God's Word Daily – Acts 17:11

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so.”

VII. Pray To The Lord Daily – Psalm 55:17

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

VIII. Be Sensitive To God Daily – Hebrews 3:7

“Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, **To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts**, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:”

IX. Obey The Lord Daily – Psalm 61:8

“So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that **I may daily perform my vows.**”

X. Exhort Others Daily – Hebrews 3:13

“**But exhort one another daily, while it is called today**; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

Daily Application

Thursday

1. Summarize John 20:21 (*reread verse 19*)

2. **a.** In addition to gladness and strength, what else did Jesus impart to them? **b.** How many times did He state “Peace be unto you?” **c.** What did Jesus *teach* them *after* He restated that He had brought them peace? **d.** In the light of recent events, was this a fearful command that He was giving them? **e.** How would they have received His command had He not given them peace?

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
d. _____
e. _____

3. Look up and give the gist of the following verses:

Psalm 119:165

John 14:27

Philippians 4:6, 7

4. When believers truly experience the peace that only God can bring to them, they will find that nothing will improperly disturb them, that nothing will improperly frighten them, and that nothing will improperly unsettle them. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

Sherry	David	Nathan	Danny
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Salvation of Loved Ones

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**Daily Application
Friday**

1. Summarize John 20:22 (*read John 3:16*)

2. **a.** Who sent Jesus to this earth to live and die for us? **b.** What did Jesus tell the Apostles that they were now to do? **c.** Would this be the most difficult command that He had ever given them? **d.** Did God the Father ask His Son Jesus to do something that He could not do? **e.** What did Jesus give to them to *enable them* to do what He was asking *them* to do?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

3. Look up and give the gist of the following verses:
John 14:16, 17

Romans 8:9, 12

I Corinthians 6:19, 20

4. During His earthly ministry, Jesus promised His disciples that one day the Holy Spirit would be “in them,” and the Lord teaches us that the *indwelling* Holy Spirit enables us to serve God rather than sin and to bring glory to God rather than shame. **T or F?**

5. How may you apply this principle to your life?

**The Divine Symbols That Set Forth
The Sacred Beauty Of The Church**

1) The church is the Building of Christ. Its Builder is Jesus “the Rock” and each believer is a “living stone.” As with all buildings, the church has a purpose in the community. Scripture reveals three purposes: to serve as the “conscience of God in the community” (I Timothy 3:15); to live as the “consecrated of God in the community” (I Peter 2:4,5); and to gather as the “convocation of God in the community” (Ephesians 2:19-22).

2) The church is the Brotherhood of Christ. Its Father is God and each believer is a member of His family. As with all families, there should exist a love between members. The Bible defines this love in the following way: a demonstration of a “friendly spirit of love” (II Corinthians 13:11,12); a demonstration of a “fervent spirit of love” (I Peter 1:22); and a demonstration of a “forgiving spirit of love” (Luke 17:3).

3) The church is the Bride of Christ. Jesus is the waiting Husband and the believers are espoused to Him. As with all marriages, a wife should respond to the love of her husband. The Word of God teaches that the believer’s response to Christ, in this context, should be as the following: a “loyalty to Christ” (II Corinthians 11:2); a submissive “love to Christ” (Ephesians 5:32-33); and a “longing for Christ” (Revelation 22:17).

4) The church is the Body of Christ. Jesus is the Head and the believers are the various members. As with any functioning, healthy body, there are certain principles that help maintain functionality. The Lord describes these principles as: “the diversity of its members” (I Corinthians 12:14-24); “the discipline of its members” (Colossians 1:17-18); and “the duty of its members” (Ephesians 4:11-16).

5) The church is the Branches of Christ. Jesus is the Vine and the believers are the branches. As with any fruit-bearing plant, there are certain expectations of the husbandman. The Scriptures teach us that the Lord Jesus expects His branches: to bring forth “plentiful fruit” (John 15:2); to bring forth “pleasant fruit” (Song of Solomon 7:6-13); and to bring forth “pure fruit” (Luke 6:43).

6) The Church is the Beacon of Christ. Jesus is the light of the world, and believers are individual light-bearers. As with any instrument of light, there are certain qualities that enhance the usefulness of the light. The Word of God describes these qualities as: “the shining of the light” (Matthew 5:14-16); “the situation of the light” (Philippians 2:14-16); and “the separation of the light” (Ephesians 5:8-13).

Bible Quiz
John 20:18-22

Read this week’s Bible passage slowly and carefully and see how well you do on this quiz!

1. Which Mary saw and talked to the Risen Christ?

2. Who did she tell about this wonderful privilege?

3. On what day did the disciples assemble together?

4. What did these disciples do because of their fear?

5. Who came into the room and stood in their midst?

6. What were the first words that Jesus said to them?

7. What did Jesus show to these awestruck disciples?

8. What emotion did these disciples *now* experience?

9. What basic command did Jesus then give to them?

10. To help them obey, what else did He give to them?
