

## Some Bible Expressions That Are Never Used {continued}

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Testament, is hardly ever referred to, but people are told repeatedly that no church can save and that church membership has nothing to do with anyone's salvation. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, *"Upon this rock I will build my church."* Must we be members of it? In Acts 20:28 Paul speaks of *"the church of the Lord which he purchased with his Own blood."* Must we be members of it? We read in Ephesians 5:23 and 25 these words: *"For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the Savior of the body... Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it."* Does God here teach that His Son's church is not important? Please read also Ephesians 5:23-27, 30; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-28; 15:9; Galatians 1: 13; Philippians 3:6 (Paul had persecuted the church of God. How? By persecuting the saved, and the saved constitute the church).

4. **Being baptized into Christ.** Not a single passage speaks of anyone believing into Christ or repenting into Christ, but two passages speak of being *"baptized into Christ."* They are Galatians 3:27 and Romans 6:3-4. Please read them.
5. **Being baptized into the body or church of Christ.** *"For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free: and were all made to drink of one Spirit"* (1 Cor. 12:13). Of course, what puts one into Christ also puts one into His spiritual body, His church.

People and religion have not changed much from the first century. What is traditional, accepted, popular, practiced, prevails over what is written in the Scriptures. Preachers could not afford to use these Bible expressions. They would cease to be popular with other preachers and could not continue to hold their positions in their churches. Please think on these things.

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