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Questions: The Church, His Body

1. **MATCH** the Greek words & their English meanings. Some match more than once. One is already done.

Greek	English
<i>ekklesia</i>	body
<i>soma</i>	church, assembly
<i>petra</i>	a rock, a stone
<i>Petros</i>	seed, semen
<i>ek</i>	a cliff, LARGE rock
<i>sperma</i>	out of, from, away from

Greek	English
Heb <i>qahal</i>	covenant, to cut
Heb <i>beriyth</i>	assembly, congregation
<i>presbuteros</i>	bishop, overseer
<i>episkopos</i>	deacon, minister, servant
<i>diakonos</i>	elder

- Write out **MAT 16:18**: And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (NKJ)
What is the Greek word & meaning for "**church**" here? ekklesia = church, assembly, called-out ones
What & **Who** is the "**rock**" referred to here that Jesus builds His church on? The "large rock" on which is the REVELATION of who He is--the Christ, the Son of the Living God.
- ISA 28:16** So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. (NIV)
What or Who is **Zion**? Zion is Jerusalem, the city of God, the people of God, the Church, His Bride, etc.
- MAT 21:42** Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?" (NKJ)
- ACT 7:38** "This is he (Moses) who was in **the CONGREGATION in the wilderness with THE ANGEL who spoke to him ON MOUNT SINAI**, and with our fathers, **the one who received the living oracles** to give to us, (NKJ) **Paul**, here, is speaking of the time when God met with Moses on Mount Sinai before the assembly of His people, and gave the LAW, the 10 commandments. **What** is the Greek word Paul uses here for "congregation" (NKJ) or "church" (KJV)? ekklesia. **Did** the **CHURCH** exist in the OT? Yes, in its natural, fleshy form. Its spiritual fulfillment did not occur until Pentecost after Jesus resurrection.
- When** did the NT church begin? At Pentecost **Give scripture** reference: ACT 2:4
When did Israel receive God's commandments, enter the covenant of the LAW, and therefore become a Chosen People, a Nation? @Mt. Sinai when they receive the commandments, the LAW **Reference:** DEU 9:10-11
What Jewish feast occurred at that **SAME** time? Pentecost, 50 days after Passover, 47 days after Firstfruits
- Why** do you suppose **BOTH** occurred at Pentecost? Mt.Sinai was the time when natural Jews received the LAW, and became a Nation. NT Pentecost is the spiritual fulfillment of this, writing the LAW on our hearts.
What is the Hebrew word for "**assembly**" in **DEU 9:10-11**? Qahal = assembly, congregation.
Who met with Moses on Mount Sinai? The LORD, Jehovah (Yahweh), the I AM, the pre-incarnate JESUS
- Write out **COL 1:18**: And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
What is the Greek for "**church**"? ekklesia = "called-out ones" For "**body**"? soma = body
For "**the beginning**"? arche = beginning (like archeology) For "**firstborn**"? prototokos = firstborn
- ROM 9:6** But it is NOT that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." 8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. (NKJ)
- Who** was Abram & Sarai's first son? Ishmael What were the circumstances of his birth? Sarai thought she needed to help God fulfill His promise of a son (seed), so she asked Abram to sleep with their Egyptian handmaid to conceive a son --- Ishmael was the result.
Who was Abraham & Sarah's second son? Isaac = "he laughs" **Which** was the fulfillment of God's promise? Isaac was the fulfillment of God's promise to give seed to Abraham, to birth nations.
Which was a work of the 'flesh' & which by 'promise'? Ishmael was a work of the flesh, trying to help God
- What are the bible allegories used to describe these two different '**seeds**'? Ishmael represents a work of the flesh, the natural sand-seed promised to Abram. Isaac represents the spiritual star-seed fulfillment.
Could this allegory also apply to the concept of Natural Israel and Spiritual Israel? Israel became a nation at Pentecost in the desert, the natural seed fulfillment. This was fulfilled spiritually at Pentecost in the NT.
- GEN 22:17** "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice." (NKJ)

13. **ACT 11:25** Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a full year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. (NKJ)
14. **What** did Paul & Barnabas do for a year at Antioch? They taught a great many in the church, training them to become disciples of Christ. The RESULT was they began to ACT like CHRIST.
Where were disciples **first** called Christians? At Antioch, AFTER Paul & Barnabas spent 1 year teaching
What does "**Christian**" mean? A replica of Christ, one from Christ, anointed like Christ.
How is "**teaching**" and "**first called Christians**" connected? Through the teaching of Paul & Barnabas, the believers at Antioch began to act on the word & operate the laws of God's Kingdom--Just like Jesus did.
15. **MAT 4:23** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.
16. **What** is the **ORDER** of Jesus ministry in **MAT 4:23**? Teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sicknesses.
How does that produce the results we see in v 24? Teaching enables one to operate successful in the Kingdom of God, and to receive the fullness of what Christ has done for us, resulting in healing, etc.
T F **Preaching** gets you saved, but **Teaching** will cause you to Grow, to be healed, to become fruitful, to be victorious, and to generally Prosper in your faith.
17. **Who** is the bride / wife of the First Adam? Eve What does her name mean? (mother of) all living beings
What was God's command to Adam & Eve? Be fruitful & multiply; fill the earth & subdue it; take dominion over all the creatures of the earth.
GEN 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (NKJ)
18. **Who** is the bride / wife of the Second Adam? The Church, spiritual Israel, the bride of Christ.
What is God's command to the bride of Christ? "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." As we do so, we scatter SEED, the WORD, which results in births of spiritual offspring.
19. **Eve** was created from a wound in Adam's side, and represents a part of his body (**GEN 2:20-24**). How might this relate to God's creation of the Church? Jesus on the cross was PIERCED in His side by a Roman soldier--out came blood and water. We must be born BOTH of water and of spirit, which is His Blood.
20. **MAR 16:15** 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. (NKJ)
21. **EPH 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be and without blemish. 28 So ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.
22. **GEN 3:15 (to the Serpent)** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." 16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you." (NKJ)
23. Write out **GAL 4:26-27**: "but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written: 'Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband.'"
24. **HEB 11:11** By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. (NKJ)

25. **How** will you apply what you have learned in this lesson to **your** life? Answer for yourself.