

# The Church is Christ's own Body

## The Church — Her General Definition

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1. The Church is Christ's own Bo - dy, The Fath - er's dwell - ing -  
 place, The gath - ering of the called ones, God blend - ed with man's  
 race; E - lect be - fore cre - a - tion, Re - deemed by Cal - v'ry's  
 death, Her cha - rac - ter and stand - ing Of heav - en, not of earth.

2. New man of new creation,  
 Born through her risen Lord,  
 Baptized in God the Spirit,  
 Made holy by His Word;  
 Christ is her life and content,  
 Himself her glorious Head;  
 She has ascended with Him  
 O'er all her foes to tread.

3. Christ is her one foundation,  
 None other man may lay;  
 All that she has, as Christ, is  
 Divine in every way;  
 Her members through the Spirit  
 Their death on Calv'ry own;  
 They're built in resurrection—  
 Gold, silver, precious stone.

4. One God, one Lord, one Spirit—  
 Her elements all one—  
 One faith, one hope, one baptism,  
 One Body in the Son;  
 The triune God is in her,  
 One Body members own,  
 By faith they are united,  
 In hope of glory shown.

5. From every tribe and nation  
 Do all the members come,  
 Regardless of their classes  
 United to be one.  
 No high there is, nor lowly,  
 No Jew, nor Gentile clan,  
 No free, nor slave, nor master,  
 But Christ, the "one new man."

6. One Body universal,  
 One in each place expressed;  
 Locality of dwelling  
 Her only ground possessed;  
 Administration local,  
 Each answer'ing to the Lord;  
 Communion universal,  
 Upheld in one accord.

7. Her local gatherings model  
 The New Jerusalem;  
 Its aspects and its details  
 Must show in all of them.  
 Christ is the Lamp that shineth,  
 With God within, the Light;  
 They are the lampstands bearing  
 His glorious Image bright.