

The Church

Part 1: What is the Church?

“Theanthropic” Orangism

- Theo = God
- Anthropos = man
- Analogies in Scripture
 - Bride
 - Body
 - Vine
 - Ark



The Bride

- **Chosen**
- “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.” (1 Pet. 2:9-10)



The Bride

- **Purchased**
- “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:28)



The Bride

- **Citizens**
- “Now, therefore, you are **no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God**, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” (Eph. 2:19-22)
- “Do not look upon me, because I am dark,
• Because the sun has tanned me.” (SS 1:6) •

The Bride

- **Authority**
- “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. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”
(Matt. 16:18-19)



The Body

“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body,
the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”
(Eph. 1:22-23)

“Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that **God may be all in all.**”
(1 Cor. 15:28)

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The Body

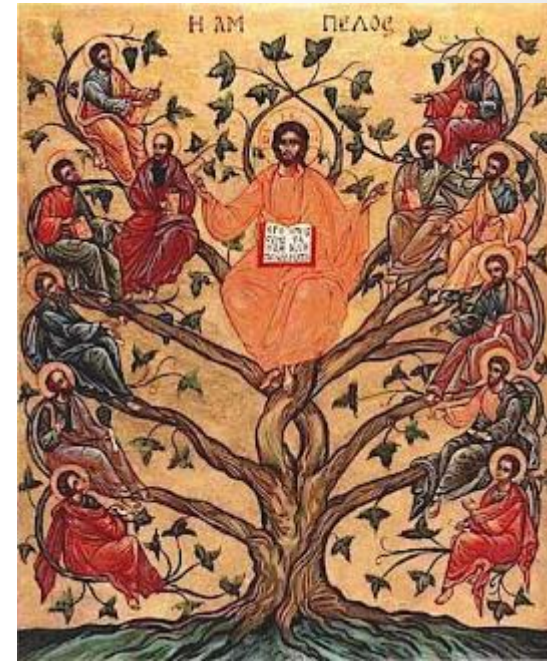
“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some**, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Heb. 10:22)

“He, therefore, who does not assemble with the church, has even by this displayed his pride, and he has condemned himself.”
(St. Ignatius of Antioch)

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The Vine

- “Abide in Me, and I in you. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing.**” (Jn. 15:4-5)
- Our purpose and value is tied to being a part of the vine



The Vine

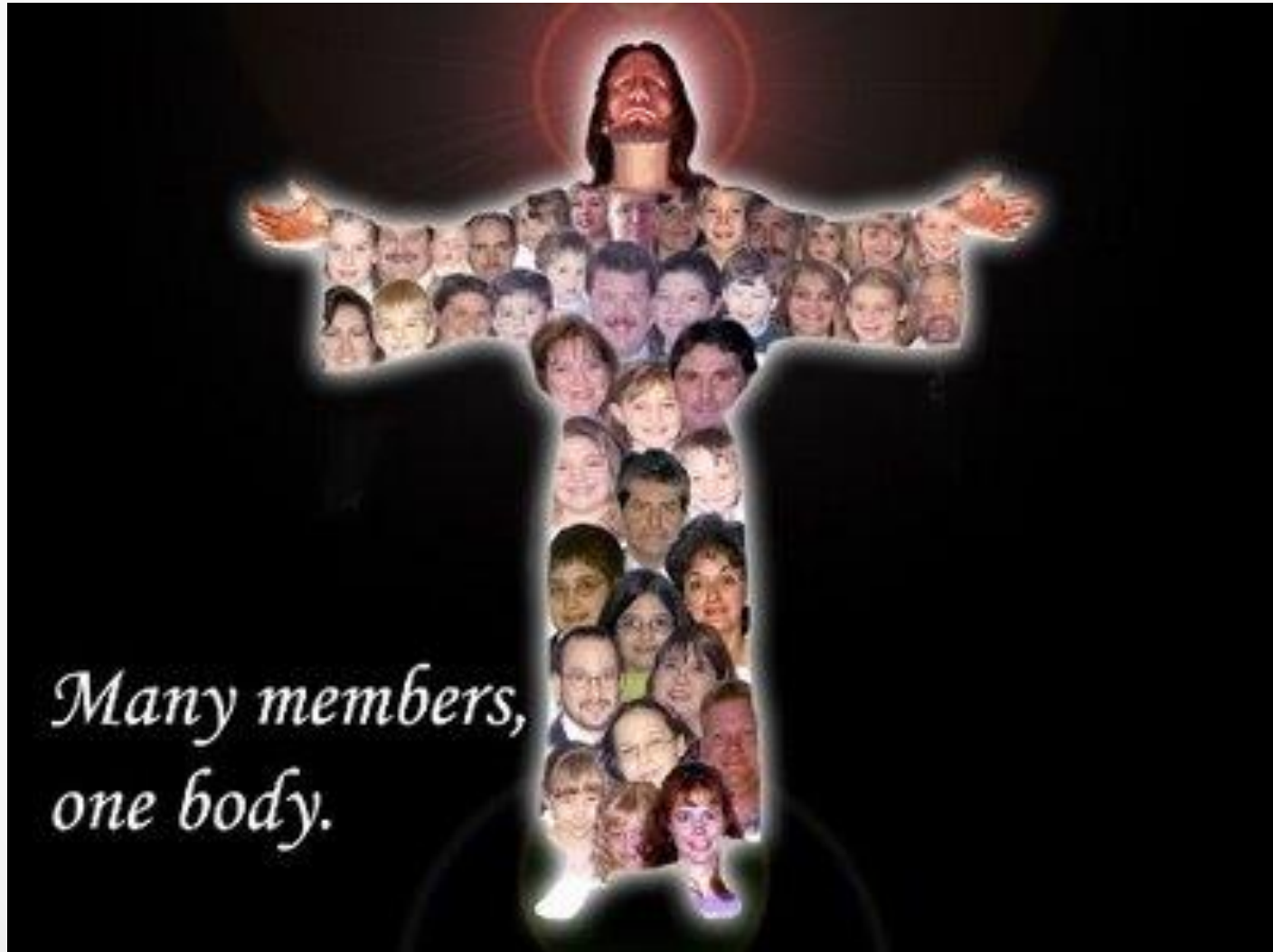
- Esther
- “Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.” (Est. 4:13-14)

The Ark

“By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.” (Heb. 11:7)



Conclusion



*Many members,
one body.*