DSBC PT: Ron Adema Study: The Church

NOMENCLATURES OF THE CHURCH

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During April, we have been studying a series of lesson on the impact of the Christian church upon the world.

We often think of the Christian church in non-biblical terms like 'religion', 'Protestant', 'Catholic' or a 'denomination'.

The Christian church is described in the Bible by different nomenclatures. Each of these nomenclatures describes a unique ministry relationship in the plan of God in the world.

In this lesson, we will examine five popular nomenclatures of the Christian church: The Body of Christ, Flock of God, Family of God, House of God, and Spiritual marriage.

1.	The church is described the <u>Body of Christ</u> :
	1 Cor.12:12-31
	Rom.12:4-8
	Eph.1:22-23
	Eph.3:6
	Eph.4:15-16
	Eph.5:23
	Col.1:18
	Col.24
	Col.3:15
2.	The church is described as the <u>flock of God</u> :
	Acts 20:28-29
	John 10:1-18
	John 21:15-19
	1 Pet.2:25
	1 Pet.5:1-4

3.	The church is described as the <u>family of God</u> :
	Jn 1:12-13
	Jn 3:3-8
	Titus 3:5-7
	Rom.8:29
	Gal.3:26-29
	Gal.4:4-7
	2 Cor.6:18
	Eph.3:14-15
	1 Thess.1:4-5
	Heb.12:5-11
	1 Jn 5:1-2
4.	The church is described as the <u>house of God</u> :
	1 Cor.3:9
	1 Cor.3:16-17
	2 Cor.6:16-17
	Gal.6:10
	Eph.2:19-22
	1 Tim.3:15
	1 Pet.2:4-9
5.	The church is described as the <u>spiritual marriage</u> between Jesus Christ and church age believers:
	Ep.5:22-33
	2 Cor.11:2
	Rev.19:7

[&]quot;Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably <u>more than all we ask or imagine</u>, according to His power that is at work within us, **to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."** (Eph.3:20-21, NIV)