



**Psalm 110:1,  
Acts 2:14-41 (34-35)  
The Nature of Jesus' Body,  
Parts 4 & 5**

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Why we gather, first, has its foundation in who Jesus is and the nature of Jesus' Body...

**1 Christ lays down his life for his Bride, the Church** • **EPHESIANS 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. → **How does this have priority and resolve in your life?**

**2 The Church exists for the purpose of bringing Christ's (invisible) light to the (visible) world.** • **JOHN 8:12** When Jesus spoke to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." • **MATTHEW 5:14-16** <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. → **Where can we see Christ's light visible in the church?**

**3 Christ has made "an inseparable union" between himself and the Church, and we receive grace from the head of the body** • **COLOSSIANS 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. • **EPHESIANS 1:22-23** <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. → **How does this work out practically? Does it?**

**4 The Church is the place in the world where the Holy Spirit is completely present.** • **GALATIANS 5:16** So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. • **GALATIANS 5:22-23** <sup>22</sup>...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. → **Do we need to improve? How can we improve?**