

## Method

### Bride

#### Perpetuity

(Procreation by way of birthing other churches)

#### Mother of us all

Gal 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared **as a bride** adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee **the bride, the Lamb's wife**.

## System

### Body

#### Continuity

(Unity in doctrine, faith and practice)

#### Gifts

( Pastors are given to the church for the perfecting of the body)

Eph 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; (12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (13) **Till we all come in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

## Principle

### Church

#### Succession

(An unbroken line from the time of Christ by way of the ordinances)

#### Ordinances

(Failure to maintain a scriptural baptism and a closed table, succession of a scriptural church will be impossible for it will become corrupted)

Eph 3:21 Unto him *be* glory **in the church** by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, **world without end**. Amen.

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the **principalities** and powers in heavenly *places* might be **known by the church** the manifold wisdom of God,

**If baptism places a person in the body of Christ which is the church, was Christ then made a member of His church by way of baptism?**

### **Christ is not part of the body, but the Head**

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the head of the church**: and he is the saviour of the body.

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 might have the preeminence.

Col 2:19 And **not holding the Head**, from which **all the body** by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.