

THE BODY OF CHRIST (MESSIAH)

I. PURPOSE

The death and resurrection of Jesus (Yahshua) made it possible for us to become members of his body. His resurrection makes it possible for us to bring forth fruit unto God (Elohim). We cannot bear fruit if we don't abide in him. When we abide in him we are in communion with his body. The body of Christ (Messiah), which is the church, consists of many members. The members are those who have received the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost gives the body power to strengthen and edify itself. Each member has the power to edify another member. Through the work of the ministry, within the body, each member reaches the fullness of the stature of Christ (Messiah) unto a perfect man. Today we learn the importance of the body of Christ (Messiah).

Memory Verse: 1 Cor 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

II. BACKGROUND TEXTS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Power in death

1. We gain power over sin through the death of Jesus (Yahshua). Romans 6:1-6.
2. We are part of the body of Christ (Messiah) through his death. Romans 7:1-6.

B. Power in the body

1. We are in unity with Christ (Messiah) through his body. 1 Cor. 10:1-17.
2. The power to reach perfection is within the body. Eph. 4:1-16.

III, CONCLUSIONS AND REVIEW

A. Where does the fullness of the Godhead dwell?