

because the Church is one family, the body of Christ, and we are all members one of another. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body. (1 Cor. 12:12,13). For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ... there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:27,28). **

As one body we are married to Christ, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church. (Eph. 5:23). So each member of the Church is married to Christ; wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead... (Rom. 7:4).***

** see also: (John 17:21, 1 Cor. 12:25, Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:14-16, Col. 1:18).

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