

## G. The House Of Faith:

**(Rom. 5: 1-2)**, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom also we have access faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."



### What is the Church?



**ONLY:** It is unique, the holy unity of the Lord with His congregation, the unity of heaven and earth.

**HOLY:** The Holy Spirit of God is the Mystery of the holiness of its members. He turns them into holy temples to dwell in.

**UNIVERSAL:** The New Testament included the whole world: Gentiles, nations, tribes ... because God desires all men to be saved.

**APOSTOLIC:** It is built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, and Jesus Christ Himself is the Chief Cornerstone.

**CHURCH OF GOD:** It is owned by God, Who loved It and shed His Blood for its sake

**ORTHODOX:** It is an upright honest church in its beliefs and doctrines. Its life is a glorification for the God.

## H. The House of Salvation:

The house which we resort to for repentance, confession and partaking of the Holy Communion, for the forgiveness of our sins.

## Characteristics Of Our Orthodox Church

**ONE:** There is One church only since ever the beginning in God's, mind, for the Body of Christ is One, and the Bride of Christ is One.

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## A. The House of God:

(1 Cor 3:16) "Do you know that you are the temple of God that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

(Eph. 2:21,22) "... in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in the Spirit"

(1 Pe. 2:5) "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

## B. The Heavenly Jerusalem:

(Gal. 4:26) "but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all!"

(Heb. 12 -22) "...but you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem to an innumerable company of angels."

## C. The Bride of Christ or Christ's Betrothed:

(Eph. 5:25-32), "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it. For no one ever hated his own flesh but nourishes and cherishes it, as he Lord does the church, for we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church."

(2 Cor. 11: 2), "For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy, for I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

## D. The Body of Christ:

(Eph.-T:22-23), "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body the fullness of Him who fills all in all "

(Cot. 1:18), "And He is the Head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

## E. A Lampstand:

(Mt. 5:16), "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

(Eph. 5:8), "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. "

(Rev. 1:20), "The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches."

## F. The Church Was Purchased By The Shedding of Blood:

(Acts 20:28), "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."