

The Saved Body

These days, everyone is connected by social media. Anyone can join, and you can have as many friends as you want. How would you like to connect with the best friends you could ever have?

When you are saved through Jesus Christ, you have this connection instantly.

Consider this. In Acts 2, Peter and the other apostles proved that Jesus was the Christ to the very men who crucified Him.

³⁶“Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ – this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

⁴¹So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Notice that the people received Peter’s word, they were baptized, and they were added. The question is: *Added to what?*

⁴⁷...And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

They were added to the number of the saved. It was the Lord Jesus who added them. Jesus was their connection, for He was the Savior of them all.

Ephesians 5:23 – ...Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.

Ephesians 1:22-23 – ²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

If Jesus is the Savior of the body, which is the church, then the saved must be in the church. Indeed, the church is the body of the saved. Every saved person is a fellow member of the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:13 – For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Ephesians 4:4 – There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling...

1 Corinthians 12:27 – Now you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.

Let’s review:

- Those who receive the word of the Lord are baptized, and the Lord Jesus adds them to the number of the saved (Acts 2:41, 47).
- Jesus is the Savior of the body, which is the church (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23).
- There is one body, and all of the saved are members of it (1 Cor. 12:13, 27; Eph. 4:4).

Is Jesus your Savior? Has He added you to the body of the saved?

“He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned” (Jesus, Mark 16:16).