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***2026 Congress Theme: UNITED IN CHRIST: GROWING TOGETHER
TO SERVE GOD (Ephesians 4:16 NIV)***

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026 ~ 7:00 TO 9:00PM

COURSE TITLE: The Seven Images of Christ's Church in Ephesians

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Most Christians focus on growing as individuals and trying to be better in whatever roles we find ourselves. Few of us are aware of the collective images of Christianity. These images are scattered throughout the New Testament (e.g., the True Vine and Christians as Branches; or the Good, Great; Chief Shepherd and Christians as the Flock; and the Olive Tree and Christians as Engrafted Wild Branches). This course identifies the images or metaphors of the Church that the Apostle Paul presents in the book of Ephesians and challenges us to align our lives accordingly with their divinely-proclaimed purposes.

OBJECTIVES:

- To demonstrate how to use hermeneutical principles to understand the images of the church in the book of Ephesians.
- To help Christians embrace a biblical perspective of the Christian faith and church that is collective, not individual.
- To set Christ-centered goals that align with the biblical collective views of Christ's Church.

SYLLABUS

1. Introduction and overview of the book of Ephesians.
2. Discerning God's purpose for the Church through these seven images in Ephesians: (a) the Family of God (1:3-5); (b) the Building (Eph. 2:8-10), (c) the New Man (Eph. 2:15); (d) Citizens of God's Kingdom (Eph. 2:19b); (e) the Body of Christ (2:19; 3:6; 4:11-16; 5:29-30); (f) the Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:25-33), and (g) the Army of God (Eph. 6:10-18).
3. Setting goals that align with the biblical images, purposes, and vision for Christ's collective Church.

RECOMMENDED READING

- *The Holy Bible* (any version)
- Nee, Watchman. *The Body of Christ: A Reality*. New York: Christian Fellowship Publishers, 1978. Available in PDF at <https://www.spiritualwarfareschool.com/library/Watchman%20Nee/Watchman%20Nee%20The%20Body%20of%20Christ%20A%20Reality.pdf>
- Stedman, Ray C. *Body Life*. 3rd ed, Glendale, CA: GL Regal Books, 1972. Available in PDF at https://cdn.pbc.org/Main_Service/1970/04/25/0420.pdf

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