

THE CHURCH (2)

'Belonging to God'

Introduction

- the power of the image
- the church in perspective
 - universal and local¹
 - invisible and visible²

THE FLOCK

- God as shepherd³
- OT under-shepherds⁴
- Messiah as shepherd⁵
- NT under-shepherds
 - the role of leaders⁶
 - the need for leaders⁷

THE BRIDE

- overview⁸
- distinctives
 - love⁹
 - faithfulness¹⁰
 - hope¹¹

¹ Eph.5:25; Acts 9:31; Romans 16:5

² 2 Tim.2:19; Matthew 7:21

³ Psalm 23:1; 80:1; 79:13

⁴ Psalm 78:70; Jer.10:21; Ezek.34:2

⁵ Ezek.34:15,23; John 10:11,27-28

⁶ 1 Peter 5:1-4

⁷ Acts 20:28; Isaiah 53:6; Heb.13:17

⁸ Ezekiel 16; Hosea 2:16; Eph.5:25

⁹ Eph.5:25; Gal.2:20; Deut. 6:4; 2 Cor.11:3; 1 Cor.16:22

¹⁰ 2 Cor.11:2; 1 John 4:4

¹¹ 2 Cor.11:2; Revelation 19:7-9