

# Pauline Theology – Lesson 08

The Church as the True Israel (pt. 2)

## Church as Bride of Christ

**2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27** – <sup>2</sup>For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. **///** <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

- OT background – Isa. 54:5-6; Ezek. 16:32; Hos. 1:2; Ezek. 16 (Israel as Harlot)

## Church as Vineyard

**1 Corinthians 3:5-9** – <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

- OT background: Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 12:10 (Jesus’ parable in Matt. 21:33-41; Mark 12:1-12; & Luke 12:1-12; 20:9-19)

## Church as an Olive Tree

**Romans 11:17, 24** – <sup>17</sup>But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, **///** <sup>24</sup>For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

- OT background: Isa. 17:6; Jer. 11:16; Hos. 14:6)

## Church as Redeemed from Iniquity and a Special People for God

**Titus 2:14** – who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a [special] people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- The phrase “you shall be to him (or ‘me’) a special people” is used throughout the Pentateuch (LXX): Ex. 19:5; 23:22; Dt 7:6; 14:2; Dt 26:18.
- Psalm 130:8 (LXX 129:8) – And he will redeem Israel from all their acts of lawlessness. (Lexham English Septuagint)
  - o Prophecy that Paul sees being fulfilled in the church.