

# POPULAR CHURCH ERRORS

## 'THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST'

(1 CORINTHIANS CH3)

Christians are saved by the blood of the lamb (we cannot be justified by the works of the law), but in God's 'house' there are 'vessels unto honour' and 'vessels unto dishonour' (MATTHEW 5:17-20).

The 'faith reckoned to Abraham for righteousness' (ROMANS CH4) was his saving faith (he believed God), by which he was justified by the blood of the 'Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world'.

The belief that the 'righteousness of Christ' is imputed to us  
- in a way that not only cleanses us and makes us fit for Christian deeds and purpose  
but transfers the works (and reward/glor) of Jesus to 'our account' as though we did them ourselves in our own body -  
proceeds from a lying spirit intended to bring about 'slumber'  
in a similar vein to that of those who fear no God, or judgement, at all.

## 'THE BODY OF CHRIST'

(EPHESIANS 4:1-16)

The body of Christ is an (organic) spiritual union of all born-again Christians as the members of Christ, who is the head.

New Testament 'local' churches are secular organizations promoting (natural and spiritual) Biblical religion.

The misapprehension of the 'body of Christ' is an ignorance of the kingdom of God (in favour of carnal philosophy); denying, to some degree, general Christian life and fellowship as well as the written word of God.

Equating the 'body (which would be 'bodies') of Christ' to individual local churches, for example, removes many formal powers from what should be a spiritually-minded church to a human 'head' or 'heads', akin to Catholic dictation but in a divided way, ecumenically.

Aside from the spiritual implications (COLOSSIANS 2:16-23), this false doctrine is used to promote other errors such as a 'closed communion', which subverts the ways of God and personal conscience, as far as local church formality goes, in favour of having earthly judges minister the sacrament.