

Series Title: “The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians”
“The Position of Believers” Part 5

“All True Christians are the Body of Christ”

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A. Review

1. Our VISION at Cornerstone is to: “Be Connected to God, to the Body, to a Ministry, and to the World”. **The purpose** of this vision is **to be changed**.
2. We will try to teach three **series** of messages from “The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.” We will try to break the letter down into these three large headings: “The Position of Believers”, “The Practice of Believers”, and “The Power & Protection of Believers.” Under each of these three large headings, we will try to teach a series of messages.
3. **Last week we said that God’s desire is for His people to know and feel secure in Him.**
 - We said that we don’t feel secure sometimes because of some of the Scriptures like:
 - **Matthew 7:21-23** (21Not everyone that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
 - **1 Corinthians 10:12** (“Let everyone who thinks that he stands, take heed lest he falls”)
 - There are many Scriptures throughout the New Testament to let non-Christians know that they are not Christians and to give their lives to Jesus Christ.

- **1 John 3:4-10** (9No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.)
- That's why Peter said in his second letter: **2 Peter 1:3-11**.

4. Now, let's go to today's message.

B. "All true Christians are the body of Christ"

- **Acts 9:1-5** ("Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,)
- **Ephesians 1:20-23**

C. I see at least nine things in these verses.

- Cross references for verse 23
 - **Ephesians 3:8-10**
 - **Ephesians 4:8-10**

D. Closure