

A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are gathered around a table in what appears to be a church or community center. They are looking down at something on the table, possibly a book or a document. In the background, there is a television screen displaying a scene with two people. The room is decorated with a dartboard and some framed pictures. The overall atmosphere is one of a community gathering or a church service.

THE CHURCH //
OUR CHURCH
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CARPE DIEM
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THE CHURCH // OUR CHURCH



“SINE QUA NON”
THE ESSENCE OF,
ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT

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WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF...?



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WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF THE CHURCH?

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JESUS.

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THE CHURCH & JESUS

BUT SAUL, STILL BREATHING THREATS AND MURDER AGAINST THE DISCIPLES OF THE LORD, WENT TO THE HIGH PRIEST ² AND ASKED HIM FOR LETTERS TO THE SYNAGOGUES AT DAMASCUS, SO THAT IF HE FOUND ANY BELONGING TO THE WAY, MEN OR WOMEN, HE MIGHT BRING THEM BOUND TO JERUSALEM.

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THE CHURCH & JESUS

3 NOW AS HE WENT ON HIS WAY, HE APPROACHED DAMASCUS, AND SUDDENLY A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN SHONE AROUND HIM. 4 AND FALLING TO THE GROUND, HE HEARD A VOICE SAYING TO HIM, "SAUL, SAUL, **WHY ARE YOU PERSECUTING ME?**" 5 AND HE SAID, "WHO ARE YOU, LORD?" AND HE SAID, "I AM JESUS, **WHOM YOU ARE PERSECUTING.**

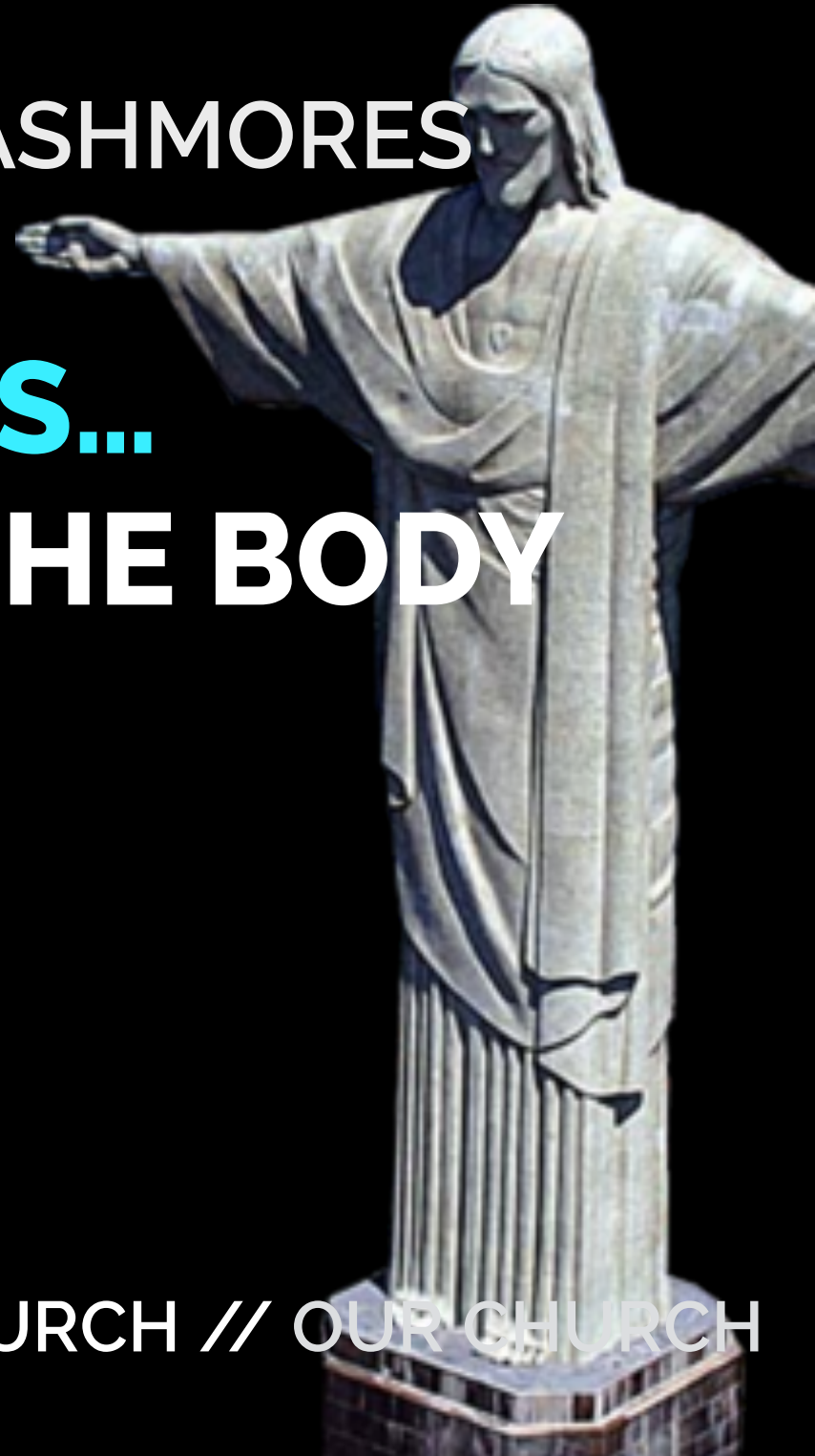
ACTS 9. 1-4

THE CHURCH // OUR CHURCH

METAPHORS, METASHMORES

CHRIST IS...
THE HEAD OF THE BODY

THE CHURCH // OUR CHURCH



METAPHORS, METASHMORES

HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION. FOR BY HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THRONES OR DOMINIONS OR RULERS OR AUTHORITIES—ALL THINGS WERE CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. **AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH.** HE IS THE BEGINNING, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD, THAT IN EVERYTHING HE MIGHT BE PREEMINENT.

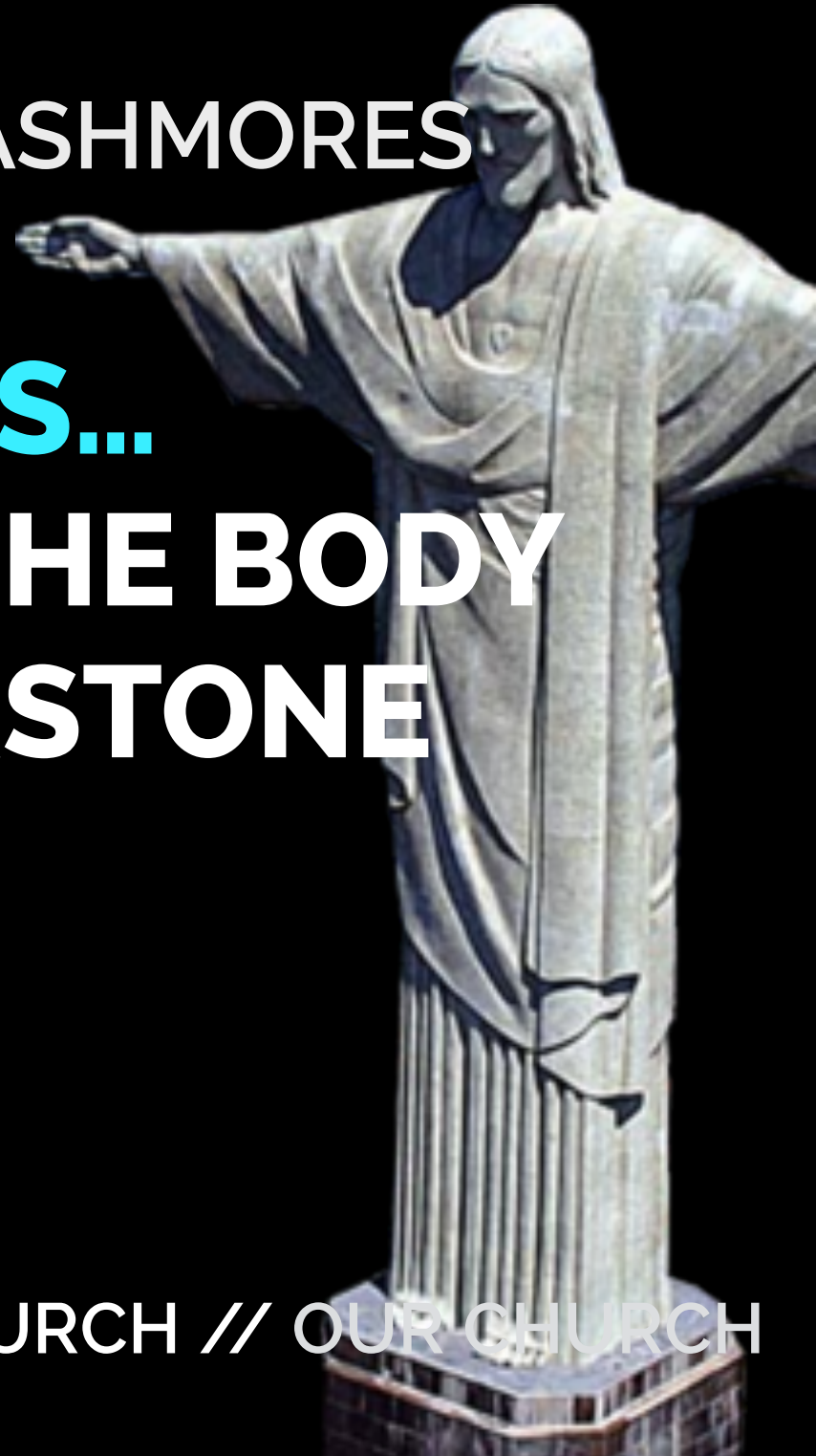
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CHRIST IS...
THE HEAD OF THE BODY
THE CORNERSTONE

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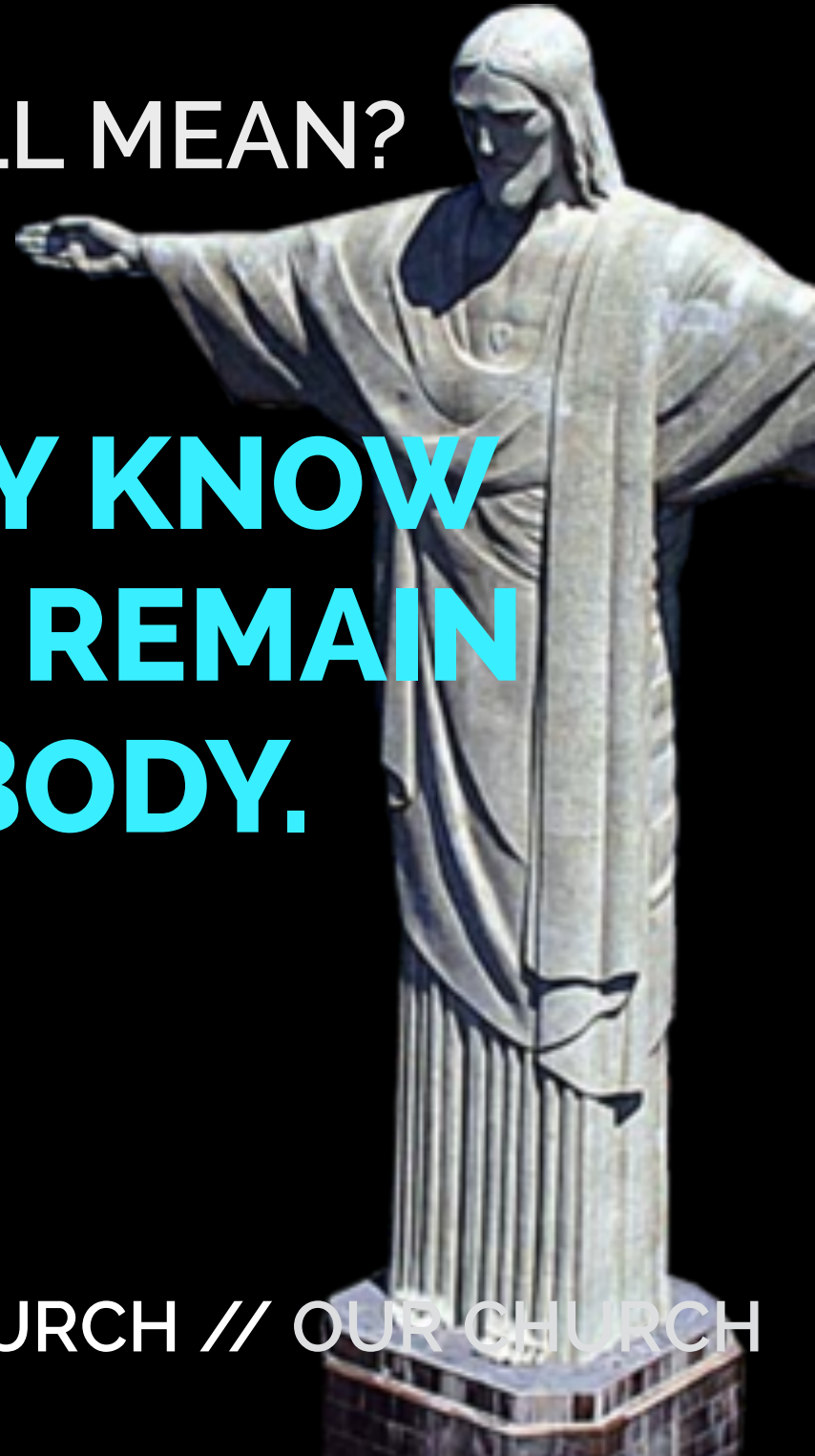
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WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

**WE WILL ONLY KNOW
CHRIST AS WE REMAIN
WITH HIS BODY.**

THE CHURCH // OUR CHURCH



WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

**JESUS IS FAITHFUL
TO HIS CHURCH.**

THE CHURCH // OUR CHURCH



WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

**MAKE IT ALL ABOUT
JESUS.**

THE CHURCH // OUR CHURCH



**THE ESSENCE OF THE
CHURCH - WITHOUT
WHICH IT WOULD CEASE
TO BE - IS A PERSON:
JESUS.**

THE CHURCH // OUR CHURCH

METAPHORS, METASHMORES

THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES. AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US, **FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE PIONEER AND PERFECTER OF FAITH.**

HEBREWS 12.1-2

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