



DEFINING CHURCH

GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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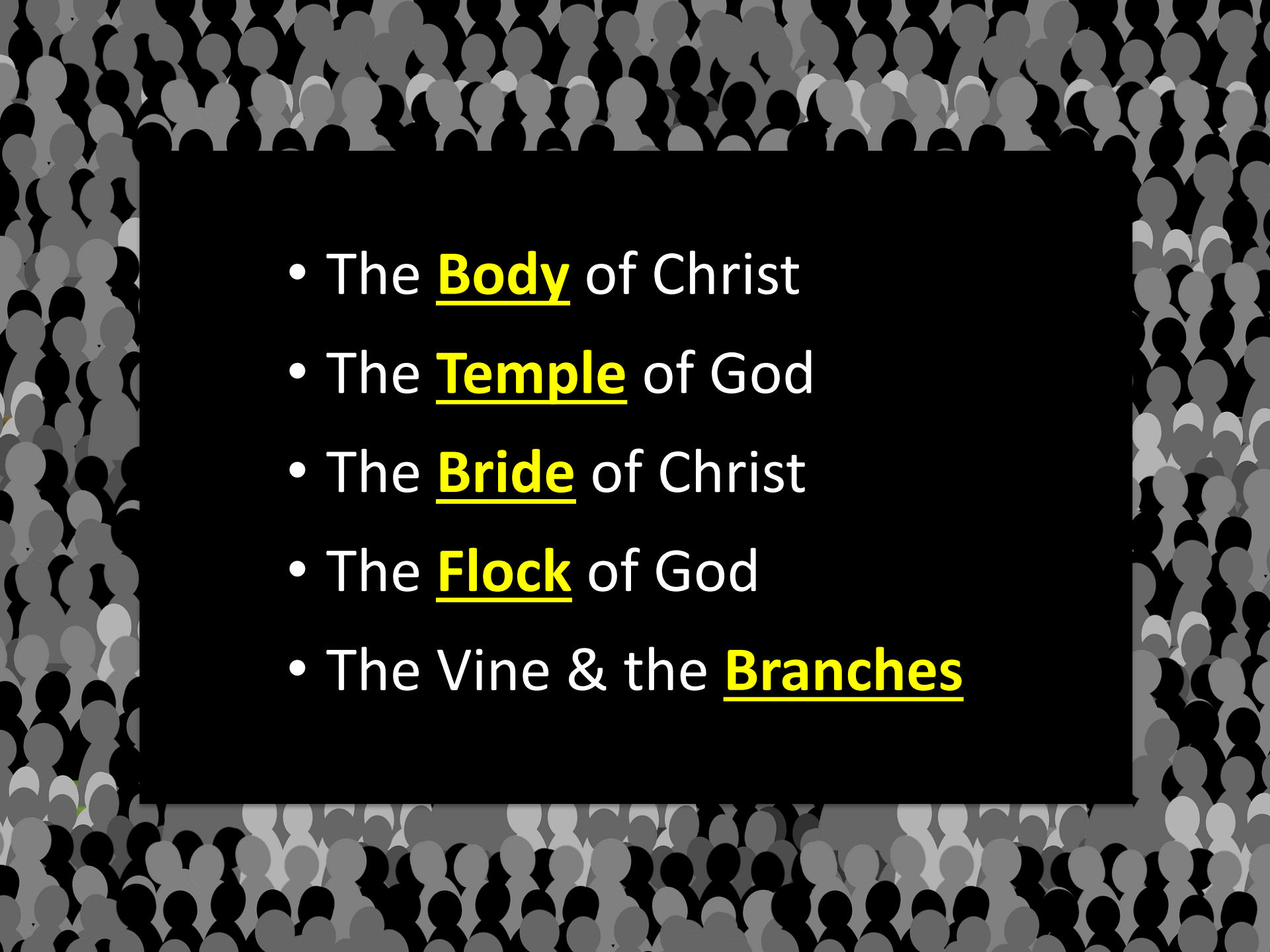


But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who **called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10
Ekklesia

ek = "out of"

kaleo = "to call"

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- The **Body** of Christ
 - The **Temple** of God
 - The **Bride** of Christ
 - The **Flock** of God
 - The Vine & the **Branches**



The “Denominations” Are People

...so we, though many, are one
body in Christ, and individually
members of one another.

Romans 12:5



The Center is Christ

...and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body... grows with a growth that is from God. Colossians 2:19

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1. Our identity is in Christ,
not the church.

2. Our salvation is in Christ,
not the church.

3. Our loyalty is to Christ,
not the church.