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word Ekklesia, or the gathering, as the religious gathering of those who are so called, chosen and privileged.

Q. What other terms are used in Scripture in describing the Church?

A. The Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of Heaven. The body of Christ. The Bride. The Vine, also the flock or sheep of Christ.

Q. Who is set forth in all these as the Head of the Church?

A. Christ.

Q. Does Scripture mention the idea of any other Head of the Church?

A. No.

Q. Is there any difference in the application of the words "Kingdom of God and Kingdom of Heaven," as used in the New Testament?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the chief distinction?

A. The Church Visible and the Church Spiritual: The Church Ideal, and the Church Actual.

Q. Refer to passages descriptive of the Church Spiritual.

A. The Parable of the treasure hid in a field, Matt. xiii. : 44. The Leaven, Matt. xiii. : 33. The merchant-man seeking goodly pearls, Matt. xiii. : 45, 46. The good Shepherd, John x. : 1-18; also Matt. xvi. : 18 "On this Rock I will build my Church." Eph. v. : 25. "Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it." Col. i. : 10 "He is the Head of the Body the Church."

Q. Refer to passages descriptive of the Church as a visible body.

A. The Parable of the Tares, Matt. xiii. : 24. The draw net, Matt. xiii. : 47. The mustard seed. The Sower, Matt. xiii. : 1-8. The wise and foolish Virgins, Matt. xxv. : 1-13. The Talents, Matt. xxv. : 14. The Proverbs, Luke x. : 12. The marriage of the king's son, Matt. xxii. : 1-14. The wicked husbandmen, Matt. xii. : 1-12. The vine, John xv. The unmerciful servant, Matt. xviii. : 23-35. Also Matt. xviii. : 17, "Tell it unto the Church." Acts ii. : 47, "The Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved."