## Prescott Presbyterian Church Study of *The Glorious Body of Christ*, by R.B. Kuiper

### 1. Glory of the Church: Its Antiquity (ch. 2)

#### When does the Church Begin?

- a) OT: Genesis 3:15; [4:26; 9:18-27; 11:10; Genesis 12; Exodus 3:7-10]
- b) NT: Acts 2:1-4

#### Explanations from the Glory of the Church

One Savior [of prophecy, of prophecy fulfilled] II Timothy 3:15; I Peter 3:20-22 Same Promises Ephesians 2:11-13, 18-22; Romans 4:13; Galatians 3:14-18, 29 Unity of God's People Hebrews 12:18-24 Same Human Needs and Miseries: e.g., "forsake" in Jeremiah 2:13, 19; 9:13.

## Solution / Summary:

The church was not mature from the day of its birth. Fuller Revelation of Gospel Specifics Hebrews 1:3 Greater Freedom Galatians 4:1-7 Universality Mt 1:5-6; Acts 10:45

# 2. Glory of the Church: What Is Glory of the Church? (ch 1)

I Will Be a God to Them. Relationship with God from God's Side, Romans 9:4.

Person and Work of Christ, Freely Offered. Jeremiah 23:5-6; Ezekiel 11:19-20
God's Faithful Love. Psalm 40:10; 89:33; 92:1-2; Romans 5:8; 8:35
God's Presence. Deuteronomy 31:6; I Kings 6:13; John 14:18; Hebrews 13:5
God's Possession. Deut. 32:9; I Kings 8:53; Psalm 33:12; Zechariah 2:11-12
God's Truth. Exodus 34:6; God's Will/Desires. Micah 6:8

They Shall Be My People. Relationship with God from His People's Side. Dependence (Saved from All Sin and Misery) Isaiah 30:15

God as Our Satisfaction, Hope, Identity, Purpose/Meaning, Glory. Jeremiah 2:11; 13:11.

Private, Family, and Public Worship Exodus 12:3, 26-27; 13:14; Acts 10:33; Ephesians 5:25-26; II Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15; Hebrews 10:24-25.

They Shall Be My People. Relationships with Other People, Character and People Skills. Truth, Belief, Godliness, Fruit of Spirit, Gifts of Spirit, Boldness. Persecution. Acts 5:41; I Peter 3:15; 4:1, 12-16; Romans 5:3-5

They Shall Be My People. Relationship to the Rest of Creation.