I. What does it mean to be "in Christ?"

A. Baptized into the "Body of Christ" which is the local assembly (1 Cor. 12:12-15)

B. Those who are "in Christ" are those within the "body of Christ," who consequently have "no condemnation" (Rom. 8:1-4).

C. Christ is the "Head" of the assembly, not the individual (Eph. 1:15-23)

D. Christ loved the assembly and gave His life to redeem it: Collective salvation

of "the elect" (Eph. 5:25)

II. What does it mean to be in the "House of God"

A. The assembly is "the House of God" (1 Tim. 3:15)

B. Christ's 'High Priest' ministry is for <u>the assembly</u>

1. OT Tabernacle worship symbolic of the assembly (Heb. 9:9,24 & 10:1)

2. Forsaking the assembly = Apostasy (Heb. 10:19-31 & Heb. 13:10-17)

3. Those who forsook the assembly forsook fellowship with the Apostles, the Son, and the Father (1 John 1:1-3; 1 John 2:18-27).