Developing Loyalty To Christ And The Church

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An Article in *Newsweek* April 2012 by Andrew Sullivan stated, “Forget the church and follow Jesus.”

The truth of the matter is that we as Christians cannot do this. We cannot have one without the other.

Sadly there are many Christians who believe this today.

Jesus deserves our undying loyalty. John 14:1-6

His Church is equally as important. Ephesians 5:23

The Church deserves the loyalty as well. Hebrews 10:25

Before creation, God had the church in his redemptive plans. Ephesians 3:11

The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:18

Daniel 2:44 prophesied that the kingdom would be indestructible

The Church is the pillar and ground of the truth. I Timothy 3:15

It is a glorious church Eph. 5:27

Ephesians teaches loyalty to both Christ and the Church.

The inseparable nature of Christ and His Church:

Paul draws the connection between the head and the body. Eph. 1:22-23

Colossians 3:17

Paul explores the chief cornerstone and a building: Ephesians 2:20-21

So Christ and his Church are inseparable in order that his faith might stand

I Cor. 3:11

The Husband of One Wife Example—Ephesians 5:21-33

Just as a husband and wife are inseparable, so are Christ and his Church.

All Spiritual Blessings Are In Christ and His Church:

Ephesians 1:3

Some of the spiritual blessings include—Christ adds the blessings of the forgiveness, the blessings of hope, the spiritual family in Christ and his Church, the salvation of Christ

Getting into his Church:

The plan of salvation—Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, Be Baptized and live Faithful until death.