RELATIONSHIPS THAT CANNOT SCRIPTURALLY EXIST

Introduction:
1. Many religious people seem to believe that many relationships can exist that cannot exist according to the Word of God.
2. Let us study some of the relationships that cannot exist.

I. BEING IN CHRIST, BUT NOT BEING IN HIS CHURCH:
   1. The church is the fullness of Christ -- Eph. 1: 22 - 23
   2. The blood of Christ bought the church -- Acts 20:28; Eph. 5: 25
   3. The act of baptism puts one in Christ -- Gal. 3:27
      (1) The act of baptism puts one in the body of Christ, the church -- I Cor. 12:13
   4. Salvation is in Christ -- II Tim. 2:10
      (1) Salvation is in the church --Acts 2:47
   5. We are reconciled unto God in the church --Eph. 2:16
   6. Christ saves ONLY the church -- Eph. 5:23
   7. Christ is the HEAD of the church -- Eph. 1: 22 -23
   8. Christ gave Himself for the church -- Eph. 5:25

II. LOVING GOD, BUT "QUITTING" THE CHURCH:
   1. If we love God we will keep His commandments -- I John 5:3; John 14:16
   2. In keeping His commandments, obeying the gospel, He adds you to the church -- Acts 2:47
   3. In keeping His commandments one is to join a local congregation -- Acts 9: 26
   4. One is to worship regularly with a local church -- Acts 20:7; Acts 2:42; 2:46
      (1) Heb. 10: 25 - 29; John 4:23 -24

III. WORSHIPPING GOD, BUT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY:
   1. Private worship DOES NOT take the place of public worship.
   2. Christians are not to forsake public worship -- Heb. 10:25 - 31
      (1) Acts 2:42
      (2) Acts 20:7
      (3) I Cor. 16: 1 - 2
      (4) Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16

IV. WORSHIPPING GOD, BUT WITH A HEART OF BITTERNESS:
   1. Jesus said we can't do it -- Matt. 5: 23 - 24
   2. Paul said, "Let all bitterness . . . be put away from you" -- Eph. 4:31
   3. The Hebrew writer warned about a "root of bitterness"-- Heb. 12:15
   4. Husbands must not be bitter against their wives -- Col. 3:19; I Pet. 3:7
   5. "Bitter envying" -- James 3:14
VI. LOVING GOD, BUT NOT THE BRETHREN
1. 1 John 4: 20 - 21
2. John 13: 34 - 35
3. Heb. 13: 1
4. I Pet. 1:22
5. II Pet. 1:7
6. Rom. 13: 8 - 10

VII. PREPARING FOR HEAVEN, WITHOUT BEING SPIRITUAL
1. Rom. 8: 5 - 6; Gal. 5: 16, 18
2. I Cor. 3: 1 - 3
3. Phil. 3: 16 - 20
5. I Pet. 4: 1 - 5
6. II Tim. 3: 1 - 5

VIII. BEING SAVED, BUT NOT BEING BAPTIZED
1. Mk. 16:16
2. Acts 2:38
3. Acts 22:16
4. I Pet. 3:21
5. Rom. 6: 3 - 4

IX. WORSHIPPING GOD, BUT WITH THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN
1. Matt. 15:9
2. II John 9
3. I Cor. 4:6
4. Rev. 22: 18 - 19

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