

assembly and church of the first born which are writtrn in heaven. This is not the church of the Thessalonians. It is not the church at Rome. It is the church of the first born which are written in heaven.

Well, this certainly implies a unity of all who are written in heaven. That is the only usage like that in Hebrews. But in Ephesians, the word church is used a great deal where it is the whole body of Christians who are in mind. Look at Ephesians 1:22. There we read that God has put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all knowledge. That is not the Presbyterian church, that is not the church of Rome, which ~~is~~ he is talking of there. It is not the church in Corinth. It is all true Christians. But in this case, there is the ~~representative~~ catholic church in the true ~~sense~~ sense of the word catholic. Now of course, you can't say true sense, any term is just a symbol. And it isn't the term that matters, but what it symbolizes. The word catholic, used as universal, the univerral church, is here the, He is the head over all things to ~~the~~ the church which is His body.

And Eph/ 5:23, we read, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church. Verse 24, therefore, as the church is subject to Christ, 25, as Christ also loved the church/ 27, that He might present us to Himself a glorious church. Now that is not speaking of any particular denomination, it is not talking of any particular local church. It is quite evident. That that which Christ ~~represents~~ will present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or anything, is the body of all true believers. And in Col. 1:18 we find, He is the head of the body, the church. Certainly that is one organization, one organism, one unit, whatever it is. And then in Co. 2:18 the word church is not used, but there is a very vital statement. Let no man beguile you, verse 19, not holding the head from which all the body by ~~and~~ ^{joints} and bands have nourished and ministered and knit together increases with the increase of God. Col. 2:19. What is he talking about there.

Sure, he is talkong in Col. 2:19 about the church, the body. He spoke