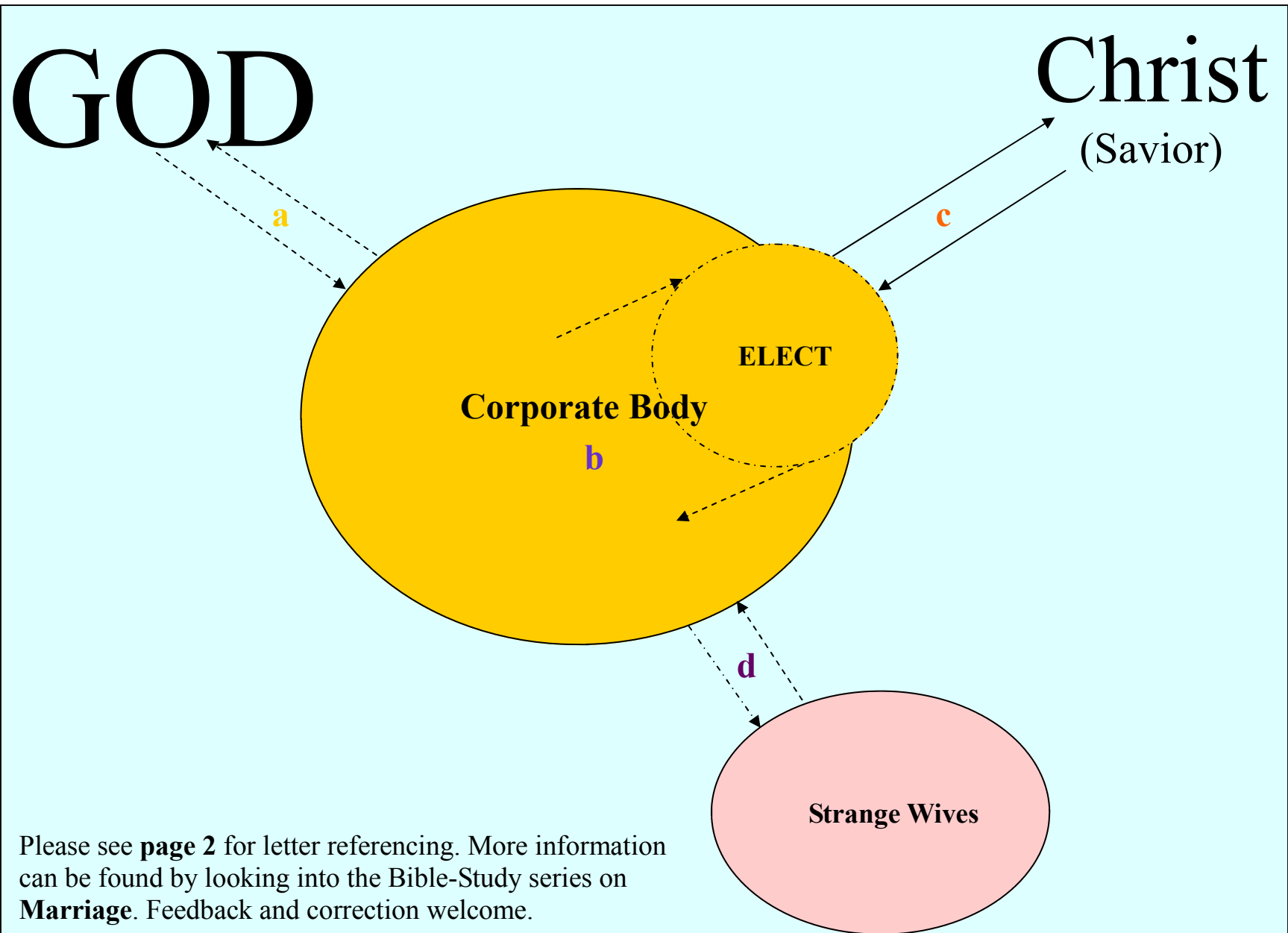


The Biblical Marriage Cycle



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The Biblical Marriage Cycle

God's Marriage to the Corporate Body (CB)

- Conditional
- Can be dissolved by way of fornication (De 24:1)
- Wife (CB) is bound by the law as long as the husband lives (Christ had to die to set the elect free from this bondage)
- God is the Husband
- Corporate Body is the wife
- Elect of God are a part of this body prior to the separation of the wheat from the tares
- God divorces this Body at judgment day just as He did the nation of Israel
- To the extent the (CB) does not depart from God by engaging in mix marriages, with strange wives, there is the possibility of becoming saved (He 6:6).

a

b

The Marriage of the Corporate Body to itself

- Within the body and prior to the separation, God calls for love and peace
- Brethren are to dwell together
- Elect sometimes viewed as husband
- Non-Elect can be viewed as wife or vice versa depending on context
- Man / Woman
- Husband / Wife
- Brother / Sister
- Father / Mother
- Children...

c

The Marriage of Christ to the Elect Body

- Unconditional
- Eternal
- No divorce
- Jesus paid for the sins of the Elect
- Jesus died to set the Elect free from the bondage of the law
- Believers died with Christ (buried with Him by Baptism—Romans 6:4)
- Elect leave the CB to remarry. They can only be married to Christ (the other man—the one who is raised from the dead—Romans 7:4)

d

The Marriage of the Unsaved Body to Strange Wives

- Non-Elect depart from God and commit adultery / fornication
- For this God cuts them off
- Because Christ did not die for them to set them free from the bondage of the law, they die themselves (eternally—wrath of God)
- By coming under the judgment of God, the unsaved Body is also set free from the bondage of the law.