

Jesus Christ – The Head of the Church

(Hebrews 1:1-4)

Introduction:

1. Last week the lesson briefly mentioned that Christ is head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23).
2. This lesson will quickly expound on that topic of Jesus Christ as the head of the church.
3. The Lord's Church only has one head, and Christians must be connected to the head!

I. Why is Christ the Head?

- A. (Ephesians 1:22-23)
- B. Christ has been given all authority (Matthew 28:18).
- C. (Hebrews 1:1-5)
 1. Christ has spoken to us (verse 2)
 2. Christ purged our sins (verse 3)
 3. Christ is much better than the angels (verse 4)
 4. Christ has a better name (verse 4-5)
 - a. (Philippians 2:9-11)
 5. Christ is the Son (verse 5 – also see John 3:16)

II. The Church's Relation to Christ

- A. The church was built by Christ (Matthew 16:18).
- B. The church was bought with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28).
- C. The church is the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25; 31-32).
- D. The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12).
- E. The church is to obey Christ (John 12:48).
 1. (Colossians 3:16-17)

III. Christ's Relation to the Church

- A. As the Head, Christ is the source of strength (Philippians 4:13).
- B. Christ is the vine (John 15:1-10).
 1. As the branches we must be connected to the vine (John 15:4).
 - a. If we are not connected to the vine, then our life essentials are gone.
 2. "You'll be fine if you are connected to the Vine."

IV. Are you connected?

- A. Are you connected to the head, if you are you are a part of the church.
- B. If not, then you are not part of the church.
- C. To become a member of the body, a member of the Lord's church, one must follow the example set by the first century church:
 1. They heard (Acts 2:14-36; 4:4; 8:12, 35).
 2. They believed (Acts 4:4; 8:13, 37).
 3. They repented (Acts 2:38).
 4. They confessed (Acts 8:37).
 5. They were baptized (Acts 2:41; 8:13, 38).
 6. They were continuing in their new life (Acts 2:42-47).

- D. Can you say that you have followed the guidelines to get connected?
- E. Getting connected means following the Vine, following the Head (John 14:15):
 - 1. (John 3:3)
 - 2. (Mark 16:16)
 - 3. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- F. If we are connected, we need to help others get connected!
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 - 2. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Conclusion:

- 1. Where is your life this morning? Where is it going?
- 2. It can go no where unless you get connected to the Vine.
- 3. Get connected, be faithful and get a reward.
- 4. Do not get connected and you get lost.
- 5. (Joshua 24:15)