

WHO IS THE HEAD?

Ephesians 1:17-23 (KJV)

17 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

18 *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*

19 *And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

20 *Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*

21 *Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:*

22 *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*

23 *Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all*

Ephesians 1:22 (AMP)

22 *And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church],*

Ephesians 1:20-23 (Message)

20-23 *All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.*

- Jesus is referred to as the Head over all things to the church.
- All direction comes from the Head.
- God operates by authority.
- Godly authority is always delegated.
- Authority always goes from the top down; never bottom up.
- If all things are under His feet, and we are the Body, then all things are under our feet.
- Never see yourself without a Head.

Matthew 28:18 (KJV)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Ephesians 5:23 (KJV)

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

- All authority is delegated.
- God, as our authority appointed Christ to the church.
- Everywhere Jesus went He always spoke of the one who sent Him.
- Jesus was a man under authority.

Ephesians 4:15 (KJV)

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

- Again, never see yourself without a Head.

A MAN WITH A HEAD

Matthew 8:5-13 (NIV)

5 *When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.*

6 *"Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering."*

7 *Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."*

8 *The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.*

9 *For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."*

10 *When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.*

11 *I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.*

12 *But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

13 *Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.*

- The centurion recognized the authority that Jesus carried.
- Authority is God ordained.
- That doesn't mean all authority is operating in a Godly manner, but God designed the system of authority and rank.
- Understanding and submitting to the authority that is over you will allow the blessings of God to flow.
- If you are submitted to the one who has authority over the church, then the one with the authority handles your problems.
- A soldier never has to take care of the war; he just follows the orders.

A NEED FOR A HEAD

John 3:16 (KJV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- God saw a need and He sent His Son and gave Him authority.
- When Jesus left the earth He sent the Holy Spirit and gave Him authority.
- That same authority has been delegated to us, but through the proper channels.
- Throughout the Bible you will see references of the blessings and the anointing always flowing from the head down.
- What is it in your life that you need help with?
- Who has final say in your life?
- Christ has been given authority as the Head over all things "to" the church. **(Ephesians 1:22)**
- Let Him be Head of the things that are concerning you.
- What ever we need we bring it before the Head.
- We have too many Headless Christians roaming around.
- We need to let God be the Head of our life.
- We need to allow ourselves to line up under authority in the Body of Christ.
- Do you have a Head today, or are you a headless Christian?
- Let the Head (Jesus) of this Body direct you into a life of victory and increase.