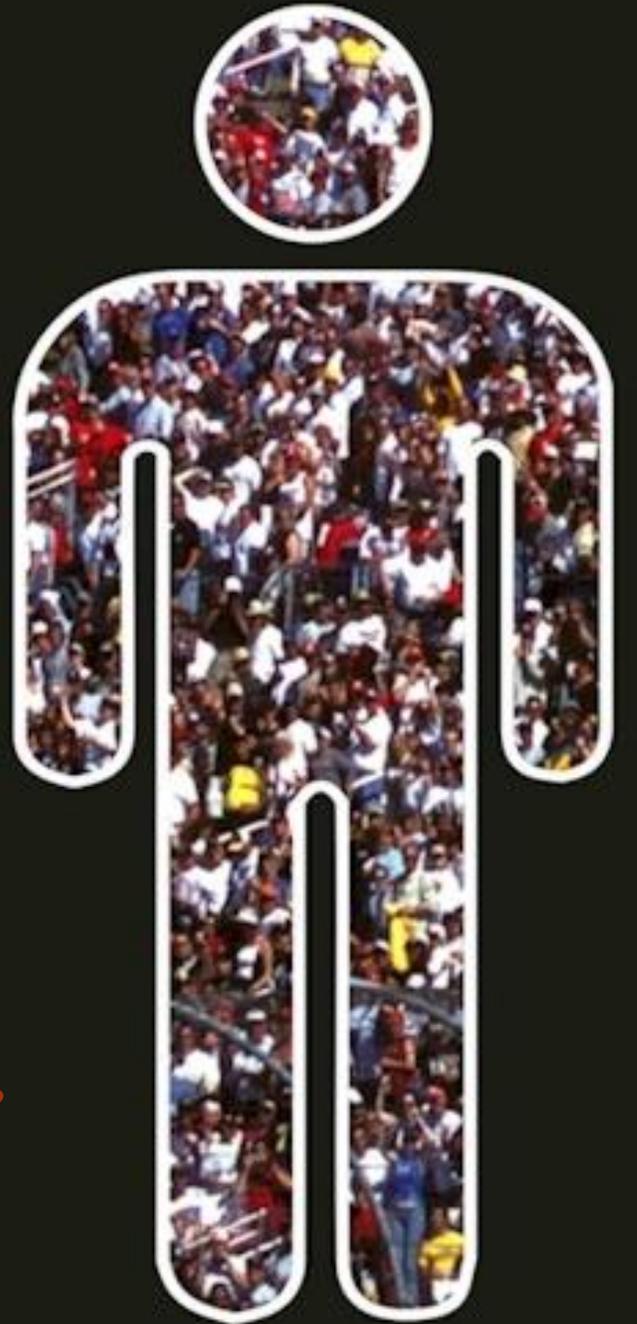
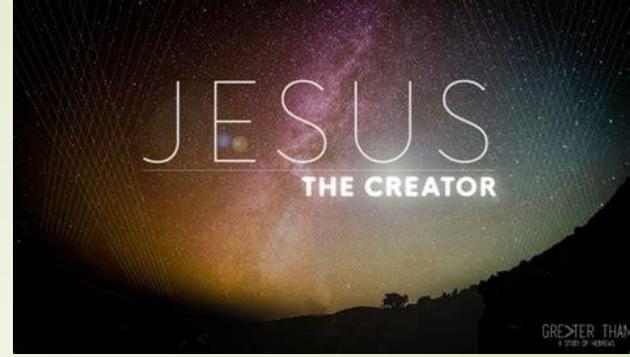


Jesus is the Head of the Church

Colossians 1:18-19





So Far We Have Learned

1. Jesus is the **image** of the invisible God
 2. He is the **firstborn** of all creation
 3. He has **created** all things
 4. He is before all things / He is the **beginning**
 5. In Him all things **hold together**
- ➡ We shall learn four more attributes of Christ today

NOW
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1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

6. Jesus is the Head of the Church

- ➔ (1 Cor. 12:12-27) Many places refer to the church as the **body of Christ**.
- ➔ In Colossians and Ephesian Paul took one step further, referring to Jesus as the **head of the church** (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15-16; 5:23).
- ➔ What does it mean? (let's think about what is the head)

The Functions of the Head

1. The Head gives **direction** to the body
(are we **listening**?)
2. The Head is where **decision** is made
(are we **following**?)
3. The Head is the **image** of the person
(are we **reflecting**?) (i.e. glorifying God)
4. The Head takes on **sustenance** for the body
(are we **relying**?)



7. The Firstborn from the Dead

- Jesus is the beginning of **creation** (John 1:1; Rev. 1:8; 3:14). But He is also the beginning of the **church** (1 John 1:1).
- “Firstborn from the dead” is a **name** specifically referring to Jesus (Rev. 1:5). Although He was dead, (Eph. 4:8-10; Heb. 2:9) thankfully Jesus did not stay dead. (1 Cor. 15:55-57) Now Jesus has the authority.
- Jesus is not only the **first** who has the **resurrected body** (1 Cor. 15:20-23), He is the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25).

8. The Preeminent of All Things

- All these things matter because only in Jesus is there **victory** over sin and death. Which means our victory over our daily sins is also in Christ.
- Therefore Jesus must also have preeminence **over our daily lives** as well...but what does it mean?
- Just like Jesus is the head of the church...is He also the head of our daily lives? Do we **listen** to God, **obey** Him, **rely** on Him, and **glorify** Him in our daily thoughts and decisions?

9. The Fullness of God (v.19)

- (v.19) The fullness of God is **in Christ**.
- (2:3; 2:9; 3:11) This is a main **theme** in this book.
- To have **more** Jesus is to have more fullness of God. To have more Jesus in our church is to have more fullness of God in our church, so also in our personal lives.
- Our aim: not just knowing Jesus, but to have **more of Him** in our church and in our lives.

