

GOD as Head of Church

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Head of Church -- When we talk about the head of the church, it is perhaps useful to remember that in English, the word "head" has multiple meanings. Its most basic meaning is the extremity that sits on top of one's shoulders, where the brain, the eyes, ears, nose, etc. are located. But it also means the person who occupies the foremost position, the leader, chief or director.

So when scripture describes Christ as being the head and the church being his body, it brings up two complementary images. Jesus is the "head" and the church is the "body," and together they make up an inseparable whole, each needing the other to function. Jesus is also the leader of the church and has authority over it; the church is under his leadership and authority.

Scriptures for Meditation

Psalms 118:22 | The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Colossians 1:17-18 | And he [Christ] is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

Ephesians 1-22-23 | And he [God] put all things under his [Jesus'] feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 4:15-16 | Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- How do you see yourself as a member of a body of which Jesus is the head?

- How do you see your relationship with the other members of the body?

- How do you react knowing that Jesus needs us as members of his body just as much as we need him as head?

- What implications does Christ's headship over his church have for Christ Our Shepherd Church, for its future direction and for the leadership of COSC?