

## Jesus & His Church-1

“Christ is Supreme”

Colossians 1:15-21 (NLT)

- A. Christ is **supreme**
    - highest in rank and authority
    - first and foremost
    - Lord; Master; Boss
  - B. Christ is the head of the Church (His body)
  - C. Church (Gk = EKKLESIA)
    - a calling out
    - an assembly (Christian community of members on earth or Saints in Heaven or both)
- \* The church is the body of Christ both in Heaven and earth

[3 concepts that convey Jesus and his mystical, marvelous, relationship with His church]

#1 The Body (His body)

#2 The Building (His temple or tabernacle)

#3 The Bride (Covenant love)

[My Testimony in regards to Pastoring]

1987-1990

- I was **not** in rebellion; but rather resistance
  - I did not want to Pastor because of broken paradigms of the church  
**Paradigm** – an example serving as a model or pattern
- a framework containing the basic assumptions, ways of thinking and methodology that are commonly accepted by members of a scientific (Christian) community
- 3 year paradigm shift
- \*\* I had to renew my mind to how God views the church **NOT** my personal experience

[TWO NEW PARADIGMS]

#1 You cannot separate Jesus (head) from His church (body)

Colossians 1:18 (NLT) “Christ is also the head of the Church, which is His body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.”

Ephesians 1:18-23 (NLT)

verse 18 - you are His rich and glorious inheritance

verse 22 - ...God made Him head over all things for the benefit of  
the church

verse 22 & 23 (AMP)

verse 20-23 (MSG)

#2 Life comes from the head

- A. The human brain
  - voluntary signals (involves our will and choice)
  - involuntary signals (unintentional, unconscious)
    - heart beating
    - lungs and respiratory system
    - digestive systems

“Brain Dead”

- B. Jesus is the head of the church (**LIFE**)

involuntary signals - organic life

voluntary signals - involve our choice and faith obedience

Acts 17:28 (ref)

John 15:5 (ref)

Philippians 4:13 (ref)

Colossians 3:4 (ref)

II Corinthians 3:5 (ref)

