

Jesus & His Church-2

“The Head”

[Two PARADIGM SHIFTS]

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

Colossians 1:18 / Ephesians 1:22 & 23 / Ephesians 5:23 (ref)

Jesus is the hope of the world?

The church is the hope of the world?

*Jesus is the hope of the world in His church!

#2 Life comes from the head

A. The human brain is the source of natural life

BRAIN – The part of the nervous system enclosed in the cranium that serves to control and coordinate the mental and physical actions of a person.

- VOLUNTARY SIGNALS (involves will, intellect and choice)
- INVOLUNTARY SIGNALS (unintentional, unconscious)
 - heart beat
 - respiratory system
 - digestive system

Example- “Brain Dead”- A person on life support systems

Artificial life support is no life at all

B. Jesus is the head of the church

- VOLUNTARY SIGNALS – involves our will and choice
 - **faith obedience** to His leading
- INVOLUNTARY SIGNALS – His organic life
 - effortless acts of kindness, compassion and God’s kind of love

“Without Jesus we are brain dead”

Acts 17:28 (ref)

John 15:5 (ref)

Philippians 4:13 (ref)

II Corinthians 3:5 (ref)

Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT)

#3 [Jesus and the body]

#1 Jesus can be found in His body

NOTE: “I can be found in my body”

#2 While the head initiates and provides life; that life is expressed and manifest in the body

NOTE: We need the Lord...**YES**

BUT the Lord needs us!

- Us – by demand and necessity
- Jesus – by choice

God’s divine design is for Jesus to be seen and known in His body (the church)

#3 The body – I Corinthians 12:11-27 (KJV)

- One body...many numbers
- God sets us in the body as it pleases Him

What is the takeaway?

1. We need Jesus (Head)
2. We need each other (Members)
3. Jesus needs us (The body)