

Don't Be a Headless Chicken!



Colossians 2:10 NASB: and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

As the Head, Jesus Directs Both the Church and the Work

Ephesians 1:22 NASB: And He put things in subjections under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church,

Jesus is the Commander-in-Chief of His church. Jesus directs His church by His Spirit as the head:

- Jesus appeared to Paul and called him into apostolic ministry (Acts 9:1-10)
- The Spirit of Jesus forbade Paul to preach the gospel in Asia. (Acts 16:6)
- In the book of Acts, we find the phrase, “**get up and go**” repeated several times. Jesus said it to Ananias in Acts 9:11. He said it to Peter again in Acts 10:20. Ananias went, and so did Peter.

As head of the church, Jesus still says, “Get up and go,” to His disciples today.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. As you’ve made Christ the Head of your life, how have you experienced Him communicating with you?** *(He can talk to us from many different channels: preacher, parents, spouse, friends, our spirit, still small voice, loud booming voice, etc.)*
- 2. Do you consider hearing the voice of God vital to your every-day life?**
- 3. How can you ensure that you can hear His voice clearly and more frequently?**

As the Head, Jesus Nourishes His Body

Ephesians 5:29 NASB: No one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church.

Jesus looks and yearns to nourish and cherish His body. And He does that *through the ministry and the functioning of each of the members of the body!* (Ephesians 4:16) That's why it's important to be dependent on the body of Christ, allowing "every joint" to supply its portion to us.

In like manner, it's critical that we function also, feeding the other sheep in the Lord's fold, **realizing that we are, in effect, feeding the body of Christ Himself.** (Matthew 25:40)

Discussion Question:

1. How can we be used by Jesus to nourish His body?

As the Head, Jesus is the Source of the Church's Life

The head in heaven gives His life through His Spirit, Who empowers the members of His body on earth.

He lives inside every believer by faith and is as close to us as is the breath of our mouths.

Galatians 2:20 NASB: No longer I...but Christ lives in me.

Romans 15:18 NASB: ...what Christ has accomplished through me.

Philippians 4:13 NASB: I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me.

The Purpose:

God's Word is clear: He lives in Christ & Christ in us. But He must first have the superiority among His own people.

Colossians 1:18 NASB: He is the head of the body, the church...so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything

The great need today in the body of Christ is to reinstate the headship of Christ.

What have we replaced Christ's headship with? How can we make Christ the head in our lives? In our church?

Whenever there is a decision, the question should not be, "What do we think should be done?" or "What can we agree upon?" Rather it should be, "What does the Lord want in this situation?"

THE CHOICE IS YOURS:

Stay your own head? = Bondages, lack, sickness, stress: HEADLESS CHICKEN

Allow Christ to be your Head? = He sees you as victorious, free, joyful, life in abundance