

In the Knowledge of HIM

Getting Reacquainted with Jesus (Ephesians 1:17)

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Jesus the Head

Colossians 1:18-20

The Head Determines DIRECTION

When you start walking, it isn't your _____ that pick the path; they just go where your head tells them! As the Head of the spiritual body of believers, Jesus is the One who plots the course. When the "body parts" start mapping the route, chaos ensues. Just like the proverbial chicken with its head cut off, the Body goes crazy when it loses its connection to Christ (**Colossians 2:18-19**) and we'll be all over the place!

The Head directs the Body to walk in the Spirit (**Galatians 5:16**). In other words, the church must be moving toward the godly goals of Christ-like character and spiritual fruit. As long as we keep our connection to the Head, we'll stay on _____ (**Matthew 28:19-20**), in _____ (**Matthew 20:28**), and in _____ (**Philippians 3:12-14**).

The Head Facilitates FUNCTION

The head is the reason that so many body parts of different shape, size, and strength can all _____ and _____ to accomplish a single goal. The same is true of the spiritual Body of Christ. Only the Head can harmonize the hostilities of conflicting cultures and differing desires (**Ephesians 2:13-18, 4:15-16**). And only the Head can synchronize the skills and God-given gifts of so many for a common good (**I Corinthians 12:4-12**).

The Head Gets the GLORY

A common symbol of honor and success – one that is consistent across all cultures and one that endures through generations – is the _____. It doesn't go on the arm or the foot or the hand; it always goes on the head!!! The glorification of any member of the Body should be to the glory of the Head (**Revelation 4:4, 10-11**). Everything must be done in His _____ (**Colossians 3:17**), and the goal must always be to _____ Him up (**John 12:32**).