

Colossians 1.18 – Who Is Jesus?, Part 2 Teaching Card

Jesus is the Head of the Church as the Sole Source of Life

Colossians 1.18 – Speaks to Resurrection (See John 11.25-6)

The Universal Church, both in Heaven and on Earth has its life in Christ

Spiritual Sustenance and Nourishment is from Jesus to spiritually function in the world (See Colossians 2.18-9)

Jesus' Resurrection → Light to All Peoples (See Acts 26.22-3)

Jesus is the Head by Inaugurating the New Creation, the Church (A New Humanity)

The Saved are a New Humanity (See 2 Corinthians 5.17)

New Society – The Church

Be realistic in the world (Only the Gospel can change society)

Jesus is Head by being the Beginning, the Firstborn from the Dead

Jesus is the first to raise from the dead into immortality

Jesus inaugurated the New Creation (See Romans 6.9-10)

Jesus is the Firstfruits of the Dead (See 1 Corinthians 15.20-3)

Believers will be Second to Resurrect from the Dead
(See 1 Thessalonians 4.16-7)

This is not TWO Events, but TWO episodes in ONE Event
Jesus first... then Believers

Jesus is the Head by being Preeminent

Jesus is Supreme

As a Husband to a Bride (See Ephesians 5.22-8)

CH Spurgeon: “They [Christ and Church] are espoused, one to another, in bonds of love they are bound forever to each other, and they are alike with sacred expectation waiting for the marriage day when all shall be accomplished the eternal purposes of God, and the desire of the Redeemer.”

As a Loving King

CH Spurgeon: “To Jesus, the assemblies of the saints pay all regal honors, and at His throne the entire church bows itself, saluting Him as Master and Lord.”

What this means:

1. Jesus alone Determined the doctrines by which the church is to believe (Bible, Preaching)
2. Jesus alone directs and governs the affairs of the Church Body

Jesus works through pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc. to promote and preserve the health of the church

CH Spurgeon: “Who could be Head but He to whom all praise can be awarded? He has washed us in His blood – He must be Head! He has loved us from before the foundation of the world – He must be chief! His right hand, and His holy arm have gotten Him the victory – let Him be crowned King of kings, and Lord of lords!”