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Filling in the Gaps – Lesson 36
The Headship of Jesus Christ

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This Bible lesson is on the Headship of Jesus Christ. To begin this lesson, let's look at the Creator, He is the head of every man. 1 Corinthians 11:3 ***But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*** By consent, He came to earth to become the Head of the body of the Church. This position of preeminence is not derived from any source of natural decent or national distinction. No church existed until He founded it, prepared it for construction, and purchased materials with which He built it. Every part belongs solely to Him. He is not just the Head of the Church but Head over all things to the church. Ephesians 1:20-23 ***Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*** Thus, we view the assembly, the world, our home and the job as under the headship of Jesus Christ.

He is much more than that. In this Ephesians passage, it doesn't just say He is the Head of the church, but also He is the Head over all things to the church. Most people do not recognize that Christ is the Head of the home, the Head of our careers, the Head of our finances, the Head of our friendships, the Head of our activities. In the Church, He is the Head over all things. We esteem Christ the Supreme Leader. We esteem Him as the One to whom we are subject and the one that we serve. He purchased the materials with His blood. He built it, so it is, reasonable that Jesus Christ should be in charge of this place where we gather our lives, assembled or separate. Jesus Christ should be to us the Head, the Director, the absolute Leader.

We are going to look at 12 verses that have to do with this headship of Jesus Christ. They are very self-explanatory.

1. Romans 8:29 ***For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*** When the church is viewed as a family, Christ is the firstborn. It speaks of superiority. It speaks of precedence. His likeness is impressed on every member of the household. Are you a child of God? Christ is the firstborn. Are you part of the family of God? Christ is the firstborn. We are all blessed. We are all joyful members of this great family of God, but every one of us looks up to our elder Brother. Every one of us looks up to the firstborn and follows His lead and allows Him the preeminence.

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2. When the church is viewed as a flock, Christ is the chief Shepherd, 1 Peter 5:4 *And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.* He expresses sympathy, guidance, protection, and sufficiency. He is far more important than any sheep. What a joy that we can say we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. What a blessing to be one of God's sheep. If you want to say it, we are God's little lambs. Maybe that wandering sheep that is on the Shepherd's shoulders was you that He found and is now carrying back. Maybe you are the sheep that is by the still waters of the green pastures. But to be a sheep without a shepherd would be disastrous, and so it is great to be part of the flock where He is the chief Shepherd. A great thing about being a sheep is that you really don't have to plan anything out; you just follow the Shepherd. You really do not have to worry about anything. The Shepherd does all the worrying about it for you.

3. Turn to Ephesians 4:3 *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.* Look also at Ephesians 2:14 *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;* When the church is viewed as a fellowship, Christ is its bond. Christ is the bond of peace. He is the glue that holds us together permanently. He is Holding together what He has united. If Jesus Christ is the central focus and the main theme of everything we do, we can all enjoy unity and peace among ourselves. If someone's different doctrine of theology happens to enter our midst, and the emphasis becomes on self or a specific doctrine, war rises in some facet or another, and we lose unity and peace. We have many doctrines that we all agree upon and must agree upon. There are many doctrines with a variety of viewpoints and opinions. If Jesus Christ means more to us than our favorite doctrine, everybody will get along just fine. When the church is viewed as a fellowship, He is the bond of peace.

4. Go to Ephesians 5: 22, 25 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;* And then look down to verse number 31 *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.* Ephesians 5:32-33 *This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.* Look at John 3:28-29 *Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.* When the church is considered as a bride, Christ is the bridegroom. Praise the Lord. What does that mean? Superlative love, steadfast fidelity, faithfulness and care. In Ephesians chapter five, it is not your bride, not my bride, but Christ's bride. She has spots and wrinkles and blemishes, areas of failure, weakness, and shortcomings, and yet the entire passage suggests undying, unending love by Christ for His Bride. Isn't that a

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wonderful thing? He loves us no matter what! Increasingly in our society we hear about the fear of marriage. People are afraid to get married. People are thinking "Can I trust that this man will be true to his vows? "Can I trust that this woman she will be true to her vows?" "I look here and there, and I see failure and broken hearts, and I don't know if I want to risk that." If Christ is your Bridegroom, then you are the bride of Christ. Therefore, you never have to worry 10 seconds of your life whether He is going to love you and do His very best for you to the end. One can understand a reluctance on the part of a man or a woman in this day and age to submit to marriage, but in Christ, you never have to be the least bit concerned about your heart ever being broken or ever being betrayed. When we view the church as a bride, Christ is the bridegroom.

5. When the Church is considered as a body, Christ is the sole Head. Colossians 1: 17-20 ***And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*** He is organizing every function, overseeing every faculty. He is the brain if, you will, who controls all. Why wouldn't we give Him the preeminence? When the church is considered as a body, Christ is the sole Head. He should organize every function in our lives. He should evaluate our actions and our motives to see if what we are doing pleases Him and what actions stimulate Christian growth in our lives. Look at your life now; what do you see? A man may see a well-toned body that can run a 4-5 minute mile, A woman may see herself with a nice shape and nice hair, but sad to say it never stays that way. We all get old, the body gets tired, the muscles lose their tone Then what? Look at poor Elvis right now, he's a Hunka, Hunka burning something. And Beautiful Marilyn Monroe, she's not very beautiful now after engulfing enough barbiturates to kill a horse. What went wrong in their lives? Their focus was on self and not on the Lord. Remind yourself of what your priorities and your main focus should be each day.

We want to have a nice healthy body, a nice life, a good job, a great loving family; but if it's not done under the direction of the Head of the church (Christ), our failure is eminent. It must be Christ as the Head of the church and the Head of our lives. In all of these we see His headship, and we have every reason to be okay with being subject to Christ as the Head.

6. First Corinthians 3:10-11 ***According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*** When the church is viewed as a building, Christ is the foundation. Everything rests upon Him. The building is no stronger than the foundation. A flawed foundation will eventually result in the building crumbling into ruin. Jesus Christ frames and fashions every living stone

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in order to build a spiritual temple for God's habitation. The Bible says in Ephesians that we are His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10), so when the church is viewed as a building, Christ is the foundation. Is your life built on the shifting sand of celebrities, politicians, the world's financial institutions, or is it built upon the solid foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ?

7. Hebrews 2:9-10 *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.* When the church is viewed as an army, Christ is the Captain, leading with power against all foes. If the Lord said, "Be a good soldier," but left out the part for whom, we'd be in heap of trouble. We put on the whole armor of God, then depend on God. We take up the sword of the Spirit, the word of God, and we become part of His army. We can whip those Philistines. We can whip the world, the flesh and the devil, as long as the Lord does it before we get there. We are so happy to be in the Lord's army, and we are happy to march behind Him in our spiritual life. It ought to be like the second coming. Malachi says we will come back with Him and tread through the ashes of the enemies (Malachi 4:3). He's already incinerated them before we even get to the battlefield. We still get to come and fight with Him. It is great to be in the Lord's army. As long as you are saying, "Yes sir, I am in Lord's army, " that is the right answer. He is the Captain.

8. John 15:1-5 *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.* When the church is viewed as a vineyard, Christ is the true vine. He is the root. He supplies the life, the vitality, and allows the branches to bear fruit. There are a lot of plants and branches in this world that are not bearing any fruit for God. For God, what is the key to bearing fruit? It's not just saying, "I'm part of the of the vine," It's being part of the true vine, Jesus Christ, and getting life, sustenance, strength, and nourishment from Him.

9. Ephesians 2:8-10 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.* When the church is viewed as a gathering of new creatures, Christ is the Creator. Something amazing happened to you when you were born again. You did not just turn over a new leaf or wake up different one day. Jesus Christ wrought a wonder in your life and made you something totally different than what you were before. You are a new creature with new

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thoughts, a new heart, and new actions, all springing from the life which Christ imparts. A new creature, great! But who is the Creator? A new life, great! Who gave you that life? Jesus, Christ ought to be the preeminent one.

10. When the church is viewed as the habitation of the Holy Spirit, Christ sends the Comforter Ephesians 2:19-22 *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.* As the son worked in subjection to the Father, so now the Spirit works in subjection to the Son. A habitation of God through the Spirit, God lives inside saved people. The Holy Spirit lives inside saved people. You would expect a good home with brothers and sisters to understand that Dad is in charge of the home. You would also expect them to act at all times as if Dad were present, even when he was not? This would be considered proper conduct. Sometimes we just throw these spiritual terms out there. - *“Christ lives in me, The Holy Spirit lives in me. My body's the habitation of God.”* Well, if He's there, we should act like it. How often do we act as though Christ is not in charge? But He is still there in us. Maybe we should accept a little more reality, a little more understanding, rather than just using these Bible terms carelessly. Really think them through before saying them.

11. When the church is viewed as a priesthood, Christ is the great high priest. Hebrews 4:14-15 *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.* Christ supervises and directs all the spiritual sacrifices. Here is Jesus Christ. He is in verse 14, as the great High Priest. Look in Revelation 1:5-6 *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

Everyone in the tribe of Levi, tens of thousands of men, were all priests unto God in the Old Testament economy, but only Aaron was the high priest. All those other priests operated under the direction and in accord with the will of Aaron the high priest. Now, you are a priest. You get to offer up spiritual sacrifices. You get to minister before God on behalf of the people. Never forget, we are doing all of that under the leadership and authority of the great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ.

12. When the church is viewed as an heir, it is joint heirs with Christ. As the Father gives all things to the Son, He makes us partakers with Him. Romans 8:16-17 *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that*

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we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Look at Luke 15 to see the opposite of what the Lord wants to do for us. *The prodigal son says "father give me my inheritance while I am living and you are living, I'm going to take the whole thing and let everyone have all of it with me.* How does that fit within this idea of Christ being the head? Well, because it shows that sometimes a bad heart can cause someone to want an inheritance more than they want a relationship with the one that is giving us the inheritance. If a man passed away and left in his will instructions that his estate be divided equally among his four heirs, each one would receive 25% that would be an equal distribution. But what God said here is not that all my 7 billion born again, children from AD 33 to the rapture get an equal share of the inheritance. No, he said, "I give all of it to the Son and the Son gives all of it to everyone else". He makes us partakers with Him. We do not get a portion of the inheritance. We get the entire inheritance. It never becomes solely ours. It becomes solely Christ's, and He allows us to be a partaker in the fullness of that inheritance.

Review,

- When church is viewed as a family, Christ is the Firstborn.
- When the church is viewed as a flock, Christ is the chief Shepherd
- When the church is viewed as a fellowship, Christ is the Bond of peace.
- When the church is viewed as a bride, Christ is the Bridegroom.
- When the church is viewed as a body, Christ is the sole Head.
- When the church is viewed as a building, Christ is the Foundation.
- When the church is viewed as an army, Christ is the Captain.
- When the church is viewed as a vineyard, Christ is the True Vine.
- When the church is viewed as a gathering of new creatures, Christ is the Creator.
- When the church is viewed as a habitation of the Holy Spirit, Christ is the Comforter within the midst.
- When the church is viewed as a priesthood, Christ is the great High Priest.
- When the church is viewed as an heir, we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Really, it shouldn't be a problem to give Him preeminence in all things. Surely we would be wise to let Him be the governing power and influence in our individual lives and in our lives as a church.

Notes

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Filling in the Gaps – Lesson 36A
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Name _____

Note (*) indicates you must include scripture with your answers.

1. What did Christ use to obtain the position of being Head over all things? *
2. In what way is Christ the glue that holds?
3. How is Christ the brain in all things?
4. What went wrong in lives of people like Elvis Presley, and Marilyn Monroe?
5. Explain Ephesians 2:19-22 in reference to this lesson.
6. How is Christ the Captain in our lives? *
7. Why is it important for us to understand the Bible terms that we use on the daily basis? *
8. How does Christ comfort you in your body? *

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9. What is the importance in Christ being the firstborn? *
10. Place the scripture that best matches next to the description:
- When the church is viewed as a family -
 - When the church is viewed as a flock -
 - When the church is viewed as a fellowship -
 - When the church is viewed as a bride -
 - When the church is viewed as a body -
 - When the church is viewed as a building -
 - When the church is viewed as an army -
 - When the church is viewed as a vineyard -
 - When the church is viewed as a gathering of new creatures -
 - When the church is viewed as a habitation of the Holy Spirit -
 - When the church is viewed as a priesthood -
 - When the church is viewed as an heir -
11. Are you a child of God?
12. Why is eternal security never in question with the Lord? *

True/false

- God will fight your battles in life if you let him.
- Jesus Christ will allow me to share in all His rewards.
- Jesus is the head over all things and by Him all thing consist. *



Scripture memorization

Colossians 1:17-20; Ephesians 2:14; Ephesians 2:8-10

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV)

any questions?