

Connected
Connected by the Head
Ephesians 1:19b-23

- I. The Head as Conqueror [God's Right Hand] (19b-20)
 - A. **God's** power demonstrated in Christ
 - 1. The Resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 15)
 - a) The resurrection is a great display of power
 - b) The resurrection is also a great display of Jesus divine **status**
 - 2. The Enthroning of Christ (Heb. 1)
 - a) Being at the right hand of God is a great display of power
 - b) Being at the right hand of God means you **ARE** God
 - B. **Christ's** authority over all (Transition)
 - 1. Because of what he did
 - a) Jesus deserves his power and position
 - b) Jesus has the right to rule all as creator (Col. 1)
 - c) Jesus has the right to rule all as savior
 - 2. Because of who he is
 - a) Jesus always possessed his power and position (Phil. 2:5-11)
 - b) Jesus deserves to rule because he is God (Heb. 1)
- II. The Head as Authority [All else below his feet] (21-22a)
 - A. Above all spiritual authorities
 - B. Above all names
 - C. Above all time
 - D. Above all things/everything
 - E. Above the church
 - 1. Jesus is also the head of the church (more on what that means in a moment)
 - 2. Jesus brought us together through salvation (Eph. 1:13)
 - 3. Jesus taught us how to act (Eph. 4:24)
 - 4. Jesus taught us how to be the church (Acts 2:41-42)

III. The Head as Leader (22b-23)

A. Guided by Christ

1. The head directs the body
 - a) Jesus sets the goals/objectives of the church
 - b) Jesus sends us as ambassadors working for him
 - c) Jesus has the plan
2. The head instructs the body
 - a) Jesus gave us a complete set of instructions
 - b) Jesus helps us understand the instructions

B. Coordinated by Christ

1. The head causes the body to work together
 - a) Jesus gives us each tasks to do
 - b) Jesus is accomplishing his goals in a 'complex' way
2. The head causes the body to work in unity
 - a) Jesus coordinates his people to work together perfectly
 - b) Jesus called all of us, we all have a part in God's mission and Jesus' victory!

C. Filled by Christ (with the Holy Spirit)

1. The head is present with every believer
 - a) Jesus' teaching led to our salvation
 - b) Jesus sent the Holy Spirit when we receive salvation
 - c) Jesus is working all things out so that we can become more like him
 - d) Salvation is the beginning of our relationship with Jesus! He's already with you, not waiting in heaven!
2. The head is in every true action of the church
 - a) Jesus is the reason the Gospel and the church succeed
 - b) Everything we do should be pointing to Jesus!

D. Seen by others

1. The head is what we look at when we see others
2. Can the world see our head in us?