

## JESUS CHRIST: THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH & OUR COMING KING

### A. JESUS CHRIST: THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

1. The Greek word *kephalē* in the New Testament refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ head of a body and is used \_\_\_\_\_ in the NT (Eph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; Col. 1:18; 2:10, 19) as a \_\_\_\_\_ to describe Jesus Christ's relationship with the church, which is His body.

- *What other pictures are used in the NT to illustrate Christ's relationship with His church?*

2. The headship of Jesus Christ speaks of His absolute \_\_\_\_\_ over the church. (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 1:22; 5:23; Col. 2:10, 15)

- *What does Christ's headship of the church not mean?*

- *What does this mean practically for us as the church?*

3. The headship of Jesus Christ pictures the \_\_\_\_\_ He gives to the church for its sustenance and growth. (Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 2:19)

- *How should we as the church be responding in light of this?*

- *What other metaphor or picture does this remind us of?*

4. The headship of Jesus Christ also portrays the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church with Him and with one another. (Acts 9:4; 22:7; 26:14; Eph. 4:15-16)

- *How does this relate to trials and suffering?*

5. The headship of Jesus Christ ultimately reminds us of the \_\_\_\_\_ or preeminence of Christ within the church. (Col. 1:18)

- *How does this relate practically to our Christian lives?*

## B. JESUS CHRIST: OUR COMING KING

1. Before Jesus Christ's crucifixion, He promised to come again and establish His \_\_\_\_\_ at His return to the earth. (Dan. 7:13-14; Matt. 24:29-30; 25:31; 26:63-65)
  
2. In the present church age, Jesus Christ is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Father with all divine authority and sovereignty (Matt. 22:44; 26:64; 28:19; Mark 16:19; Acts 2:25, 33-34; 7:55-56; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22), though His promised kingdom has not yet been established on earth.
  - *How does this example of David and his kingship relate to Jesus Christ's kingship and coming kingdom? (1 Sam. 16; 2 Sam. 2; 5; Pss. 2; 110)*
  
  - *How does God's eternal kingdom differ from Christ's mediatorial kingdom?*
  
  - *How do Amillennialism, Postmillennialism, and Dispensational Premillennialism view the kingdom?*
  
3. Though Jesus Christ is the coming King in title and position, He is not yet reigning over the promised Davidic kingdom on the earth, because . . .
  - a) Christ's prophesied kingdom rule and throne were promised to be on the earth, headquartered in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-3; Jer. 23:5; Zech. 14:9, 16-18; Luke 1:32), which hasn't happened yet.
  - b) Both before and after the beginning of the church in Acts 2, the kingdom is viewed as yet future. (Acts 1:6-7; 14:21-22; 1 Cor. 4:8; 15:23-25; 2 Tim. 4:1)
  - c) The prophesied kingdom conditions don't match present conditions. (Ps. 2:6, 8-9; Isa. 11:9; Zech. 14:16-18; Rev. 20:1-9 vs. Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 20:29-31; 2 Tim. 3:1, 13; Rev. 3:20)
  - d) Though the word "king" appears 122 times in the New Testament, it never says Jesus Christ is "king of the church."
  - e) In the only reference to Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords in the epistles (1 Tim. 6:15), this statement is related to His appearing (1 Tim. 6:14), showing that His kingdom will not come until His return to the earth. (Rev. 17:14; 19:16)
  
4. God promises church-age believers that we will \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ as vice regents in His kingdom. (1 Cor. 4:8; 6:2; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 1:5-6; 2:26-27; 5:10)
  - *What do you have to look forward to as a believer?*