

## 1 CORINTHIANS: LESSON 30

### Chapter 11: Jesus Christ the Head, The Lord's Supper vs. the Mass

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#### JESUS CHRIST THE HEAD (VS 3)

1. **He's the Head of every man (1 Cor. 11:3)**: Every person, saved or lost, is accountable to the Lord Jesus Christ and will answer to Him. You can give account now and be saved, or you can give account at the White Throne Judgment and find out you should have listened to Him while you had a chance to be saved.

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2. **He's the Head of the Building (Acts 4:8-12)**: Jesus Christ is building His church from Heaven. He is the Chief Cornerstone of the building (**Eph. 2:20**). The foundation of the church is in Heaven and each believer is built upon that foundation. That is why the Headstone (**Psalms 118:22**) is ALSO the foundation (**1 Cor. 3:11**). It just depends on whether you're looking from earth or from heaven. (**See 1 Peter 2:4-9, Ephesians 5:23**).
  - a. **Why are we an Independent church?** The Lord is building one church (not a city full of different denominations). Our Head, Jesus Christ, has already decided what is right and wrong and He wrote it in a book. We don't need a hierarchy or a committee of Clergymen to cast votes to determine what we do and what we don't do. We look to our Head, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Body needs to be in submission to the Head or it won't function properly.

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3. **He's the Head of the Church (Eph. 4:13-15)**: Jesus Christ is the Head of what takes place within the Church (the body of believers). Jesus desires that all believers have "unity of the faith" (vs 13) and be united in our knowledge of the Son of God. The only way that is possible is if each part of the body takes instruction and receives doctrine from the same Head.

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4. **He's the Head of Every Particular Detail of the Believer's Life**: When you, as an individual believer, are completely surrendered to Jesus Christ, you'll experience peace, joy, and happiness. When you try to do your own thing apart from Christ, you'll experience heartache, trouble, and confusion.

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5. **He's the Head of Every Created Being (Col. 2:9-10)**: The Lord is in charge of angels, cherubim, seraphim, and the devil and his angels.

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6. **He's the Head over All Things to the Church (Eph. 1:22-23)**: Not only your religious life, but every aspect of your life; how you dress, how you talk, how you spend your time, how you view politics, education, music, etc. You will stand out as one who is "peculiar" (Titus 2:14, 1 Pet. 2:9), but ONLY if Jesus Christ is your Head. Many Christians live according to their own rules and not Christ's.

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## **THE LORD'S SUPPER VS THE MASS (1 Cor. 11:23-26)**

During the Lord's last supper with His disciples, He instituted the ordinance of The Lord's Supper, using bread and wine (grape juice) to *represent* His Body and His blood. The observance of the Lord's Supper shows His death (vs. 26); it does NOT repeat His death. It shows and reminds us that He died for us. It is a "remembrance" of Him (vs. 25).

During the Mass, the priest claims that he's turning bread into the actual body of Christ to be put to death again. He places a piece of that "body" on your tongue and you are required to let it dissolve. Not only would this be cannibalism if it were true, but it is entirely unbiblical. Then the priest drinks an entire cup of wine, claiming that it is Jesus' literal blood.

### **DON'T DRINK BLOOD!**

**Genesis 9:4-5:** Before the Law, God warned Noah not to drink blood. It was a death penalty offense.

**Leviticus 7:19-27:** Under the Law, it was a death penalty offense to eat the body of an animal offered in sacrifice for a peace offering—and it was a death penalty offense to drink blood!

**Acts 15:19-20:** The New Testament retained the prohibition against drinking blood.

If the word of God forbids drinking blood, why does the priest claim to be drinking Christ's blood?

### **THE EFFICACY OF JESUS CHRIST'S SACRIFICE**

**Jesus' was sacrificed "once for all" (Hebrews 10:10):** Why do priests offer Jesus' body again when once was sufficient?

**The priest's daily sacrifices "can never take away sins" (Hebrews 10:11):** No religious person is certain of his/her salvation. They are counting on sacrifices that they know can't take away their sins. The only sacrifice that is effective is the ONE sacrifice offered by Jesus Christ on Calvary. If you're trusting in Him, you can be sure of your salvation and forgiveness of sins.

**Jesus' sacrifice took care of sins forever (Hebrews 10:12):** Those who practice the Mass will shift the commas around in this verse to get rid of the "forever effectiveness" of Jesus' sacrifice. That way they can justify their perpetual daily sacrifice of the Lord.

**One offering perfected me forever (Hebrews 10:14):** No more sacrifices are needed! When I take the bread and the cup, I do it to remember what Jesus did for me.

### **IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LORD!**

The Lord's people (2 Corinthians 6:16) meet on the Lord's day (Acts 20:7, Revelation 1:10) they gather around the Lord's table (1 Corinthians 10:21) to eat the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:20) to remember the Lord's death (1 Corinthians 11:26), discerning the Lord's body (1 Corinthians 11:29) until the Lord's coming.

**Is Friday okay?** Jesus didn't command us to meet on any particular day. Colossians 2:16-17 clearly states that no one is to judge us in respect of "an holyday" or "the sabbath days." Some may "spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage" (Gal. 2:4), but they are not our Head. Jesus Christ is our Head. And Jesus said, "**where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them**" (Matt. 18:20). The Lord is in His people during the communion of the saints.