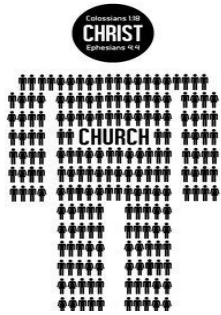


ONE HEAD. ONE BODY.



Foothill Bible Church

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JESUS first in the Church

Part 1

Colossians 1:18-19

Who is the Child born in Bethlehem's manger? The Bible teaches that He is, *Immanuel* which means, *God with us* (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23). The true identity of Jesus as Redeemer and Creator is expanded. We'll learn that Jesus is "*the head of the body, the church*" (1:18).

1A. THE METAPHORS OF THE CHURCH

1B. Four major metaphors

1C. BODY – Jesus is the Head and Christians are members of the body (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 1:22-23)

2C. MARRIAGE – Jesus is the Bridegroom and Christians are the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7, 21:2)

3C. FAMILY – God is the Father and Christians are His children and brothers and sisters in Christ (Romans 8:14,16; Galatians 3:26; Hebrews 12:5; 1 John 3:1-2,10)

4C. TEMPLE – Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone and Christians are living stones (Ephesians 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-8)

2B. Four characteristics of the church

1C. LOVE – Serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13)

2C. MISSION – Get the message of the Gospel to others (1 Corinthians 1:23; Colossians 4:2-6)

3C. GATHERING – Word, prayer, fellowship, and The Lord's Supper (Acts 2:42)

4C. TRAINING – Coming along side of Christians and equip them to serve Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12)

2A. THE MEANING THAT THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

1B. Christ is the Head (1:18; Ephesians 1:20-23; Matthew 28:18-20)

2B. Christians are members of the Body

1C. UNITY (Ephesians 4:4; 1 Corinthians 12:20)

2C. DIVERSITY (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

3A. THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH

1B. The supremacy of Christ (Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 19:16; Matthew 16:13-20)

2B. The gospel of Christ – Tell people the gospel from a heart of love and a life of service (2 Corinthians 4:5; Romans 1:16)