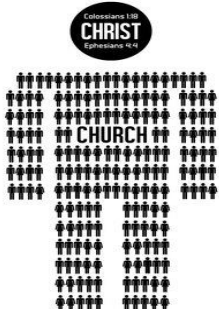


ONE HEAD. ONE BODY.



Foothill Bible Church

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## **JESUS first in the Church**

Part 2

*Colossians 1:18-19*

The overarching message of Colossians is JESUS first!

This is reiterated in 1:18b, “*that in all things He may have the preeminence.*” This is the only place in all of the NT where this word is found. It means to be first, to hold the highest rank. This morning, we’ll discover the specific place where the supremacy of Christ is on display.

### **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 other (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)**

1C. BIBLE (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2C. ELDERS (1 Peter 5:1-4)

### **2B. Christians are members of the Body (1:24; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 20)**

1C. ORGANIZATION (1:24; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 20)

1D. Unity (Ephesians 14:4-6; 1 Corinthians 12:25)

2D. Diversity (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

### **2C. ORDER**

1D. Love (John 13:34; Romans 12:9-21; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a; 1 John 2:9-10, 3:10,14, 4:7-8, 10-11)

#### **2D. Service**

- Supply to one another (Ephesians 4:15-16)
- Stimulate one another (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Serving one another (Galatians 5:13-14)

### **CONCLUSION**

JESUS first requires three characteristics displayed in the church: Humility, Love, and Serving.