

## Christ our Exalted Head

Ephesians 1:20-23

- I. **Exaltation**: Christ already has complete authority and honor at the Father's right hand (Ephesians 1: 20-21).
  - A. **Resurrected**: The Father raised Christ from the dead by His infinite power (1:20).
    - In Christ we have God's resurrection power available to us to live holy and encouraged lives (1:19).
  - B. **Ascended and Seated at God's right Hand**: The Father installed Christ at His right hand sharing complete supremacy (1:21).
    - Christ rules supreme over every created being forever so we don't need to worry about Satan or man. Christ will eventually win!
  
- II. **Headship**: Christ has authority over all things and thus He is specifically the head of the church as His "body" (Ephesians 1:22-23).
  - A. God has subjected everything to Christ (1:22a).
  
  - B. God has currently appointed Christ to be the head of the Church (1:22b-23).
    - Christ demonstrates his authority today not by the submission of the secular world, but by the submission of His Church. *How well am I responding to Christ's authority in my life?*
  
    - Christ completely fills, leads and enables the church. *Am I depending on Christ to fill and enable me personally – and as I function as part of Christ's church?*