

Colossians 1:18a

Christ is THE Head of THE Church

Application of Colossians 1:18a

1. What's the difference between the 'universal church' and the 'local church'?
2. If we understand "church" to be a gathering of believers should the focus of our Sunday meeting be on believers or unbelievers? Why?
3. Consider other verses speaking of Christ's headship over His church and how does this further your understanding of Christ's position over the church (e.g. Matt 16:18; Acts 20:28; Eph 4:15-16; 5:22-33; Col 2:18-19)?
4. What's the relationship between Christ, the elders, and the congregation as it relates to the church's submission to Christ?
5. Are there aspects of the church you're wrestling with and would benefit from further study and discussion so you know what Christ has commanded His church?
6. In what ways can you be actively involved in building Christ's church?
7. Given the 'universal church' is called "the bride of Christ," "the body of Christ," and "the household of God" how should we interact with people from other churches?
8. Respond in prayer and praise as you reflect upon God calling you out of slavery to sin and into His community (the church).
9. Spend time this week praying for Grace Bible Church e.g. the people in our congregation, the different ministries, spiritual growth, opportunities for evangelism, our purity, and unity.
 - a. Pray specifically for qualified elders to lead this church

Reading this week: Col 1:18a

