

What We Teach

THE CHURCH

We teach that the one supreme authority for the church is Christ ([1 Corinthians 11:3](#); [Ephesians 1:22](#); [Colossians 1:18](#)) and that church leadership, gifts, order, discipline, and worship are all appointed through His sovereignty as found in the Scriptures.

[1 Corinthians 11:3 \(NASB\)](#)

³ **“But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.”**

3 But I want you to understand,—He turns now to properly direct the behavior of women in the worship and in their manner of appearing before God, and defines the relationship of man and woman.

that Christ is the head of every man;—Jesus Christ is the head of the man, and man cannot approach God save in subjection to his head, Christ.

and the man is the head of a woman;—Woman cannot approach God save in subjection to her head, man. The duties and bearing of women and men grow out of their respective relations to each other and to God. The same relationship of husband and wife is presented in another place in these words:

[Ephesians 5:22-24 \(NASB\)](#)

²² **Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

²³ **For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.**

²⁴ **But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.**

In the Lord is here implied, as all are to obey him above everyone else. [Let it here be distinctly understood that the subordination thus expressed involves no degradation. As the church is not dishonored by being subject to Christ, so neither is woman dishonored by being subject to man.]

and God is the head of Christ.—Considered as the Father’s servant ([Isaiah 42:1](#); [Isaiah 52:13](#)), in which capacity he spoke when he said:

[Isaiah 42:1 \(NASB\)](#)

¹ **“Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.”**

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Isaiah 52:13 (NASB)

¹³ “Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.”

John 17:4 (NASB)

⁴ “I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.”

Hebrews 5:8 (NASB)

⁸ “Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.”

Philippians 2:8 (NASB)

⁸ “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

It is in this aspect of mutual relation in the work of redemption that **“the head of Christ is God.”**