

Lesson 45

Pictures of Jesus

The Head of the Church



What do we see at the top of this church? It is a cross. The cross is at the top of the church to remind us that Jesus is the reason the church was built. Jesus lived and died to save us all from our sins. We worship Jesus and read our Bible to learn more about Him and His teaching. Jesus is the reason the church exists and we look to Him as the head of the church and our lives.

Ephesians 5:23 1

“Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.”

Every family must have a head of the family. Every group must have a leader. Every business must have a boss. It is the same way with the Church.

When we talk about the "Church" we are not talking about one single building. The "Church" is made up of everyone everywhere who believes that Jesus is their Savior. We worship in churches all around the world but the "Church" is invisible and made up of believers from all around the world. Only God, who knows what is in everyone's heart, sees all the people who make up His Church.

The Church is very precious to God. The Church is the household of God where all of His children come to worship. Jesus lived a perfect life and then died on the cross to earn the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus died so that we could all be part of God's household, His Church. Jesus died so that we and His Church could live to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus knows what God the Father wants and came to earth to serve the Father. Jesus taught the truth and showed where men were mistaken in their worship. Jesus earned the forgiveness of

our sins so that we could all be a part of the holy Church. Jesus created the Church to glorify God the Father just as He, Jesus, glorified the Father. Jesus did not live to glorify Himself and the Church does not exist to glorify itself.

The Head of the Church is Jesus. Jesus lived to serve God the Father with a perfect holy life. When Jesus died on the cross, He gave His perfect life as a sacrifice for all of our sins. We belong to Jesus and should look to Him as our Lord and Savior and the head of the family of believers. The Church is made up of the family of believers and so, Jesus is the Head of the Church.

We could never find a better leader for the Church than Jesus. Jesus lived a life of perfect love for God the Father. Jesus is the example we must follow. Any other leader is not perfect in love as Jesus is.

PRAYER TIME

Help us to follow Your example Jesus and live as You taught us in the Bible. Help us to have faith in You as our Savior and to be a part of Your holy Church. Thank you for all that You have done for us. Amen