

Text: Colossians 1:18
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What to Do if He is Really the God of Our Church

part 3



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¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. (NIV)

1. Get _____

2. Boldly _____

3. Remember _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read Ephesians 5:25-30. In what way has your opinion of the church been less than Christ's?

How does pondering Christ's costly commitment to the church help to get your participation in perspective?

2. What response would you give to the Christian who says that he is too busy to get plugged in to his church?

3. In what way does the resurrection of Christ make Christianity unique among other religions?

How sure are you that it actually happened? (If you need to study this further you may benefit from: *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel; *The Resurrection Factor*, by Josh McDowell; or *Reasonable Faith*, by William Lane Craig.)

4. How does a confidence in the resurrection of Christ (and a bold anticipation of your own resurrection) make sacrifices for your church worthwhile?

5. In what way does a "consumer mentality" detract from the "supremacy of Christ" in the church?

Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to see your participation in the church as a way to "exalt Christ" while avoiding the error of thinking that the church is "all about you."

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Amos 4-6 & 1Jn.1-2

Monday

Amos 7-9 & 1Jn.3-5

Tuesday

Obadiah & 2 John

Wednesday

Jonah & 3 John

Thursday

Mic.1-3 & Jude

Friday

Mic.4-7 & Rev.1-3

Saturday

Nahum & Rev.4-6