

## **“Have Your Head Examined”**

*“But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ...”  
(1 Corinthians 11:3)*

*“And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.” (Colossians 1:18)*

### **John the Beheaded**

**John 3:26-28, 30** – (26) “And they came to John and said to him, ‘Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him.’ (27) John answered, ‘A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. (28) You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him. (30) He must increase, but I must decrease.”

**Matthew 11:7-12** – (7) “As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? (8) What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. (9) What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. (10) This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ (11) Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (12) From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.”

**Key Point: Make Jesus Your Head or End up Dead\_**

### **To transfer Headship to Jesus:**

#### **(1) Keep Yourself in Context**

**John 1:1-8** – (1) “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. (4) In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (6) There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (7) He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. (8) He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.”

## **(2) Relinquish Control**

**John 1:35-37** – (35) “The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, (36) and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God!’ (37) The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.”

## **(3) Join the Ranks of the Beheaded**

**Revelation 20:4** – “Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Who is “heading things up” in my life?

Which mindset should I adhere to? (Philippians 2:5)

Where does the natural/carnal mind lead to? (Romans 8:5-7)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)