

## **Relationship and Fellowship**

When one confesses from their heart “*Jesus Christ is Lord*” he is saved. Now as a child of God he enters into a personal relationship with his Lord. The Bible also reveals the Lord Jesus as “*the head of the body, the church*”: “*the fullness of Him*”. Christ’s body is made up of many members forming a fellowship of one. Following are 12 distinctions between Lordship and Headship (My Lord and His body).

Jesus as Lord and Master sees me as a water-baptized disciple – a Student  
*Christ as Head reveals us as Spirit-baptized members of His one body – a Bride*

Jesus as Lord and master sees me as a servant – Duty and Obedience  
*Christ as Head reveals us as one in Him – Inheritance and Glory*

Jesus as Lord focuses on my individual relationship to Him – Died for Me  
*Christ as Head focuses on my relationships with members of His body – Died for Church*

Jesus as Lord focuses on my individual dependency on Him – Believing  
*Christ as Head focuses on my interdependency with other members of the body – Caring*

Jesus as Lord focuses on my individual growth – I in His Will  
*Christ as Head focuses on the body’s growth together into the Head – One in His Image*

Jesus as Lord focuses on my worship to Him – Communion  
*Christ as Head focuses on my working with others – Union*

Jesus as Lord focuses on my work – Personal Commitment  
*Christ as Head focuses on teamwork – Interpersonal Fellowship*

Jesus as Lord focuses on His commands for me as His child – into His Service  
*Christ as Head focuses on His wisdom for all as His one church – into His Unity*

Jesus as Lord focuses on my separation from sin – Holy  
*Christ as Head focuses on my inclusion with others – Friendly*

Jesus as Lord focuses on my zeal and purity unto Him – Sanctification  
*Christ as Head focuses on my zeal for the house of God – Edification*

Jesus as Lord focuses on how my actions affect and please Him – Godly  
*Christ as Head focuses on how my actions affect every member of His body – Charity*

Jesus as Lord focuses on how I am connected to Him by faith – Him  
*Christ as Head focuses on how I am connected to others by the same Spirit – Them*

To emphasize Lordship over Headship is to neglect His church. It is to love the Lord but not His body. To emphasize Headship over Lordship is to care for people but not submit to Christ’s authority and commandments. It is to love His people but not the Lord.

**{Some Scriptures for the above trues:** Philp. 2:11 / Rom. 10:9 / John 1:12 / Col. 1:18, Eph. 1:22, 23 / Eph. 1:11, 5:26-32 / 1Cor. 12:12-26 / Rom. 12:1, Eph. 4:13-15 / John 4:24, Eph. 4:16 / 1Cor. 15:58, Acts 2:42, 2Cor. 8:4, Eph. 3:6, 9 / John 14:15, Col. 2:3, 19, 3:10 / 1Jn. 2:15-17, Eph. 4:16, 32 / 1Thess. 4:3, John 2:17, 2Cor. 11:2, 1Cor. 14:12 / Heb. 13:21, Rom. 14 & 15:1-3 / 1Thess. 4:1, 1Cor. 8: 1-13, 10:17-24 / Acts 20:21, 1Cor. 12:13-14.}