DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD!

INTRODUCTION

The Six-Day War and the issue of the headwaters of the Jordan River.

In **Colossians 1:18-20**, Paul presents to us **3 reasons** why Christ must be praised as the supreme head over His new creation.

- 1. The Primacy of Christ (18)
- 2. The Fulness of Christ (19)
- 3. The Peace of Christ (20)

THE PRIMACY OF CHRIST (18)

"head of the body, the church"

Ephesians 4:15–16; 5:22–33

"the beginning, the firstborn from the dead"

What about OT and NT resurrections?

Colossians 1:6; 3:1-4

old creation VS new creation

THE FULNESS OF CHRIST (19)

"good pleasure...all the fullness to dwell in Him"

allusion to the temple (Psalm 68:16; cf. Ephesians 4:8)

Colossians 2:9 John 2:19 Mark 1:11 ("well-pleased") Ephesians 1:23

THE PEACE OF CHRIST (20)

The Need for Peace

"to reconcile all things"

The Price of Peace

"the blood of His cross"

The Scope of this Peace

"things on earth or things in heaven"

Philippians 2:10–11 Psalm 2:9 Romans 5:1

CONCLUSION

Those who deny Jesus, who don't recognize Jesus, don't do so because the Bible is not clear enough or because it is hard to understand. People deny Jesus because the implications of recognizing Jesus for who He is are all too clear.

Are there areas in your life that you don't want anybody to have a say? Not even Jesus?

Are there areas in the way that you serve this church where you don't want anybody to have a say? Not even Jesus?

We have a head: Jesus Christ. He gets to determine what we do, why we do, how we do, and for whom we do the things we do both individually and as a church.