

THE DOCTRINE OF THE HEAD

1. **Definition:**
 - a. The upper or anterior division of the body of man or beast which contains the brain, the chief sense organs, and the mouth.
 - b. In Greek literature the word κεφαλή - (kephale) means authority rather than source in all 2,336 occurrences.
 - c. In the case of living beings it denotes superior rank and authority.
2. **Etymology:**
 - a. κεφαλή - (kephale) - (Greek) head, authority, superior rank (Eph. 4:15)
 - b. רֹאשׁ - (rosh) - (Hebrew) head, authority, superior rank, beginning (1 Sam. 15:17)
3. In the Bible (Matt. 5:36) oaths made by the head were prohibited. This is because we are not an authority unto ourselves; all true authority comes from God. We cannot make an oath and keep it apart from it being in God's will.
4. The very numbering of the hairs of our head emphasizes God's divine care and protection under grace. (Matt. 10:30; Luke 12:7; 21:18) So logistical grace provision and divine deliverance are related to divine authority.
5. **"Blood on the head"** was a sign of accepting the responsibility for your own decisions. (Acts 18:6) All human beings have a built in system of authority as a part of the soul.
6. **"Coals of fire on the head"** means leaving the matter in the Lord's hands. This is the practice of non-retaliation which transfers the judgment back to the guilty person. (Rom. 12:19, 20, 21)
7. The word "head" is used for rulers over nations or empires. (Rev. 13:1ff; 17:3-9)
8. The word "head" is used for the husband's authority over the wife. (1 Cor. 11:3-10; Eph. 5:23)
9. The word "head" is used for God the Father's authority over God the Son.. (1 Cor. 11:3)
10. The headship of Jesus Christ refers to His authority. He is called **"the head of the corner."** (Acts 4:11; 1 Pet. 2:7)
 - a. Jesus Christ is the supreme ruler of Israel and has all authority over Israel. (Matt. 21:42)
 - b. Jesus Christ is also the supreme ruler of the church. (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15; Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18) He has all authority over the church.

11. Jesus Christ is called **“the head over all rule and authority.”** This recognizes Jesus Christ as the winner and victor in the angelic conflict. (Col. 2:10)

12. Jesus Christ is called the head over all creation. (Eph. 1:22)