

### III. JESUS IS THE **HEAD** OF THE CHURCH (1:18-20)

*“15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—*

*16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:15-16*

A. He **started** the church (v 18).

*“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18*

B. He **gave** His life for the church (vs 19-20).

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”*  
Ephesians 5:25

### CONCLUSION:

#### “FOLLOW ME”

The Gospels record Jesus making this statement 19 times.

Are You Following Christ?

### #JESUS

#### Why Follow Jesus Pastor Steve Reynolds

### INTRODUCTION

A. In today’s society, we “follow”, post and tweet nearly everything, but are we pursuing the only One who calls us to follow him with our entire lives?

*“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,  
7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”*  
Colossians 2:6-7

Jesus plus nothing equals everything!!

B. In #Jesus, Following The Life Of Christ, we will explore the Bible book of Colossians and what it means to follow Christ both today and for eternity. This nine part series features the following messages:

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This series is for everyone!

C. **TEXT:** Colossians 1:13-20 (Pew Bible/Pg. 204/New Test.)

## WHY FOLLOW JESUS

### I. JESUS IS THE **SAVIOR** (1:13-14)

*“10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.*

*11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”* Luke 2:10-11

#### A. He has taken us from darkness to **light** (v 13).

*“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,”* Philippians 3:20

#### B. He has taken us from slavery to **freedom** (v 14a).

*“18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*

*19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

I Peter 1:18-19

#### C. He has taken us from condemnation to **forgiveness** (v 14b).

*“7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

*8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

*9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* I John 1:7-9

### II. JESUS IS THE **CREATOR** (1:15-17)

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*  
Genesis 1:1

#### A. He is **God** (v 15).

*“Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”* John 14:9

#### B. All things were made **by** Him (v 16a).

*“All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”* John 1:3

#### C. All things were made **for** Him (v 16a).

*“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”*

Revelation 4:11

#### D. He **holds** all things together (v 17).

*“who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power,...”* Hebrews 1:3a