

SUNDAY INTO MONDAY

PORTADOWN
BAPTIST
WORSHIP WALK WITNESS

"Sunday into Monday" is designed to help all of us take away some key points from one of the messages we have heard together as a church family. We all know that it is possible to listen to a sermon, even appreciate it, but appropriating and applying what God says in His word is crucial to our worship of Him and our Christian living.



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"He [Jesus Christ] is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything" - Colossians 1:18



THE MODES OF THE CHURCH

COLOSSIANS 1:1-23



In coming weeks we will be considering together the form that local churches should take, and how they function in their normal life. This morning we addressed an issue that must precede these matters, a question which is fundamental to the whole health of our fellowship: *'what is the*

Church?' Studying through Colossians 1, we recognised that fully answering this question demands that we take into account the universal Church, the local church and how such churches relate to one another. The end result is a glimpse into the genius of God in His work globally, locally and relationally.



FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- What aspects of our answer to the question *'what is the church?'* stood out most to you today? Why?
- How does a healthy understanding of the universal Church and local churches help you to fellowship with other Christians

around the world while gathering with Christians *'around the corner?'*

- How can our meditation this morning better equip you to pray for what God is doing in the world?

A PRAYER



All wise God, I bless Your name for Your work in our world, for the reality of the universal Church, and the beauty of the local church. Thank You that Your Son has purchased a people by His blood, and gathers a people for His glory. Please help me to commit to understanding the Church more

fully, and in so doing understand my commitment to it also. Bless Your Church around the world, I pray, and please bless us in our local church too. Please strengthen us, bear fruit among us by Your Spirit, and use us to manifest Your love and power to our community. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen..



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