

THE PREEMINENT JESUS

A TRUTH OF POSITION

“[Jesus] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”
- Col 1:18

1. Position vs. Nature of God

- a. The nature/character of God is never changing - Heb 13:8, Mal 3:6, James 1:17
- b. God is great and greatly to be praised – Psalm 96:4
- c. He is one God – Mark 12:32, Eph 4:6, 1 Tim 2:5
- d. Yet something did change, the Word was made flesh – John 1:14
- e. Jesus had the form of God and man – Phil 2:6-8
- f. God does not die, but man does – Acts 20:28
- g. Who had the power of resurrection? – John 10:17, 1 Thess 1:10, Rom 8:11

2. Positional Truth

- a. Position *def.* ~ a status or standing, place occupied, a post of employment
- b. A position is not all encompassing; it is one sided ~ your job is one part of you
- c. Position gives status – like a judge declares citizenship, or criminal status
 - i. Our position in Christ (in grace: not location) – Romans 5:2
 - ii. We are on Earth, but seated in heavenly places – Eph 2:6
 - iii. Our old man is crucified, yet we must reckon it dead – Rom 6:6, 11
 - iv. We wrong but we are made righteous in Christ – Rom 7:21 & Rom 5:1
- d. Position has characteristics/responsibilities:
 - i. First and second Adam – 1 Cor 15:45-49
 - ii. We walk in righteousness - Eph 5:8, 1 Cor 6:11, 6:20, Romans 6:18
- e. Position describes authority – Christ - Eph 5:23, ambassadors - 2 Cor 5:20
 - i. Not under law but grace is a positional truth of authority – Rom 6:14
 - ii. Higher positions are given by higher authority – Col 1:19, John 5:26-27

3. Jesus' Position

- a. “firstborn from the dead” – 1 Cor 15:20-23
- b. Jesus begotten at his resurrection - Acts 13:33; Psalm 2:7-9
- c. He is God – Col 2:9; He is Man – 1 Tim 2:5
- d. He is the King of Israel – Mat 2:2; also their Lamb – John 1:29
- e. Head of the Body – Col 1:18; he was made sin – 2 Cor 5:21
- f. He is the heir of all things - Hebrews 1:-4
- g. He was made lower than the angels (man) - Heb 2:6-9

4. “all things he might have the preeminence”

- a. Pre-eminence *def.* ~ Precedence; priority of place; superiority in rank or dignity.
- b. All things defined: earth and heaven (universe) – Col 1:20, Eph 1:10
- c. He is the head of the corner, the only foundation – Acts 4:11-12; 1 Cor 3:11
- d. His preeminent position - Eph 1:20-23
- e. Nothing separates us from him; because of his preeminence Rom 8:38, Col 2:10