

## **THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS**

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Col 1:18 And he 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 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

### **The Word Preeminence Means:**

1. In the Greek means: "Might be first"
2. **First in:** Rank, dignity, honor, power
3. Distinguished above all others, superiority
4. Supreme above all others, Dominance

## **GOD (DIVINITY) WAS IN CHRIST (HUMANITY OR SACRIFICIAL LAMB)**

2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the

Father,) full of grace and truth.  
Joh 10:30 I and my Father are one.

### **IF I BE LIFTED UP**

Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Joh 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

Joh 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

Joh 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

### **He has Pre-eminence:**

1. Over the universe which he has formed: As it creator and Proprietor.
2. As chief among those who shall rise from the dead: Since he first arose from the dead, to die no more. All other resurrections depends on Him.
3. As head of the Church: All churches, councils, and governments being subject to him.

### **CLOSER LOOK AT COLOSSIANS 1:14-18**

- (a) Verse 14: The Blood of Jesus Christ brought the “Redemption of mankind” and the “forgiveness of sin.”  
The forgiveness of sins - The taking away of sins; all the power, guilt, and infection of sin. All sin of every kind, with all its influence and consequences.

(b) **Verse 15:** Jesus Christ is the bodily expression of the invisible God. Or the visible expression of the invisible God  
1Ti 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...”

(c) **Verse 16 & 17:** Four things are here asserted:

1. That Jesus Christ is the Creator of the universe; of all things visible and invisible; of all things that had a beginning, whether they exist in time or in eternity.
2. That whatsoever was created was created For himself; that he was the sole end of his own work.
3. That he was prior to all creation as, to all beings, whether in the visible or invisible world.  
1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.
4. That he is the preserver and governor of all things; for by him all things consist.

(d) **Verse 18:** Jesus Christ is the “Head” and “Director” of the Body called “THE CHURCH”

**ALL THE THINGS THAT COLOSSIANS 1:14-18 SPEAKS ABOUT IS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE:**

“That in all things He might have the Preeminence.”

**HIS NAME IS PREEMINENT**

1. There are over 500 descriptive names and titles given to our God in the scriptures. Every one of them is impressive, but the preeminent one is “JESUS”

Phi 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Phi 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Isa 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Isa 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

## **2. His Name is Preeminent, and to be Exalted:**

Psa 34:3 “O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.”

3. It's a Name to put in our Memory:

Psa 20:7 “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.”

4. His Name is Eternal:

Psa 72:17 His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun:...”

5. His Name is to be Praised:

Psa 113:3 “From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.”

## **GOD'S PEOPLE SHALL KNOW THAT PREEMINENT NAME**

Isa 52:6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

Joh 6:19 So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.

Joh 6:20 But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

## **HE IS PREEMINENT IN HIS RULERSHIP**

We shine and dazzle bright lights on our frail human leaders. We build them up and praise them and applaud them in their brief splash of success. Modern media, it seems, gives us a smothering and unending view of man's fleeting pinnacles of power. History's heroes have had their flicker of applause of public praise. The Caesars, the Napoleons, the Alexander the Greats, the Lincolns have all run their course. They had their fragile power and their personality have faded and are long gone. "BUT JESUS WILL OUTSHINE THEM ALL"

1. **As King of Kings:**

1Ti 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

2. **The Prince of the Kings of the Earth:**

Rev 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,"

Who has over all the kings of the earth the pre-eminence which kings have over their subjects. He is the Ruler of rulers; King of kings

3. **Lord of Lords:**

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

4. **His Ruler ship is Universal:**

Zec 9:10 "... and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."

## 5. **He is Ruler Over Nature:**

Mat 8:27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

## 6. **He is the Ruler over Life and Death:**

Rom 14:9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

## 7. **He is the Ruler of the Church:**

Eph 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

## 8. **His Rulership is Eternal:**

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,

## **“That In All Things He Might Have The Preeminence”**

### HE IS PREEMINENT OVER SPIRITUAL FORCES

(All the Angels - Demons – Seraphims – Devils – Cherubims – Satan)

#### 1. **GOOD SPIRITS:**

- (a) Have charge to keep God’s Children – Psalms 91:11
- (b) Bring miracles to the saints – Acts 12:7
- (c) Minister to the heirs of salvation – Heb 1:14

#### 2. **BAD SPIRITS:**

- (a) Sometimes are allowed afflict – Job 1:12
- (b) Can blind minds – 2 Corinthians 4:4
- (c) Claim authority over this world’s system – Luke 4:6
- (d) Wrestle with the saints – Ephesians 6:12

## **JESUS IS IN CONTROL OF BOTH**

1Pe 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

### **“That In All Things He Might Have the Preeminence”**

EVEN THOUGH HE IS PREEMINENT OVER ALL THINGS, HE  
WILL ONLY BE THE LORD OF YOUR LIFE IF YOU ALLOW  
HIM TO BE

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

1. **Let Him Work in your Life:** And wherever that Spirit lives and works, there is liberty, not only from Jewish bondage, but from the slavery of sin - from its power, its guilt, and its pollution.

**Rev 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Rev 3:22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.