

## THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

(Colossians 1:15-18)

### I. AN INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

### II. PRAYERS FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

### III. THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST'S POSITION (1:15-18)

#### A. Understanding the Gnostic Heresy.

#### B. Understanding the Preeminence of Christ's Position (1:15-19)

1. Displayed in SALVATION. (1:14)

2. Displayed in His PERSON. (1:15a)

a. In relationship to the Father, Jesus Christ is the *"IMAGE of the INVISIBLE God."*

b. This statement underscores the DEITY of Christ.

3. Displayed in His CREATION. (1:15b-17)

a. In relationship to the universe, Jesus Christ is the FIRSTBORN over all creation.

b. The reasons for Christ's preeminence are...

1) because Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of creation as... *"For \_\_\_\_\_ Him  
\_\_\_\_\_ things were created."*

\* What does this *"all things"* include (v. 16)?

*"that are in \_\_\_\_\_ and that are on \_\_\_\_\_..."*

*"visible and \_\_\_\_\_..."*

*"whether \_\_\_\_\_ or dominions..."*

*"or principalities or \_\_\_\_\_..."*

2) because the Lord Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of creation as... "*All things were created \_\_\_\_\_ Him.*"

3) because Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of creation as... "*all things were created ... \_\_\_\_\_ Him.*"

4) because Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ to all creation as... "*He is \_\_\_\_\_ all things.*" (v.17a)

5) because Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of creation as... "*in Him all things \_\_\_\_\_.*" (v. 17b)

4. Displayed in the CHURCH. (1:18)

a. In relationship to the Church, Jesus Christ alone is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

b. The reasons for Christ's preeminence are...

1) because He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of His spiritual creation.

2) because He is the \_\_\_\_\_ in resurrection.

\* What is the purpose / result behind all this?

\* How does this apply to you?