

“The Supremacy of Jesus Christ” Pt. 1 (Colossians 1:15-18)

I. THE SALUTATION TO THE COLOSSIANS (1:1-2)

II. THE PRAYERS OF PAUL AND TIMOTHY FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

III. THE PRE-EMINENCE OF CHRIST'S POSITION (1:15-18)

A. The GNOSTIC View of Christ

1. The Gnostic heresy at Colossae _____ the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ

2. The Gnostic heresy at Colossae emphasized _____ and _____

* What did this result in?

* This philosophy stemmed from the belief that all matter is _____ and only the _____ is good.

B. Jesus is Supreme in His Relationship to God & Creation

1. In relation to God, **Christ IS:**

... the _____ of the _____ God

* “image” =

* What does “is” indicate?

2. In relation to Creation, **Christ IS:**

a. the _____ over all _____

* What does this mean?

* What does “firstborn” denote?

(1) He preceded the whole Creation, He existed _____ to it

(2) He is _____ over all Creation.

b. the _____ of the _____

* ALL things are ...

* _____ Him

* _____ Him

* _____ Him

* How much did Christ create?

* Why does Paul mention thrones, dominions principalities and powers?

c. the _____ and the _____ of all _____

d. the _____ of all _____

* "before" denotes:

* "consist" means:

* What should this mean to You?

3. In relation to the Church, **Christ IS:**

a. the _____ head of it.

* "head" denotes:

* What is the significance of this?

b. the _____ of it.

c. the _____ from the dead.

* Therefore, Christ _____ the Preeminent One - He is the _____
Sovereign in _____

* "Preeminence" means:

* What should this mean to You?