Colossians: The Solid Rock; Season2 (1:15-19)

1. Christ the Solid Rock (vs.15-19)

A. He is the one, true, living _____ (vs.15-17,19)

1. Gk. word Eikon, perfect, absolute image of God in totality - morality, omniscience, power, etc
2. ***Heb1:3*** – as sun's light reflects the sun, so He is the exact representation of His nature
   ****John1:1; Jn1:14; Jn14:9; Rev1:8; Rev22:12-13*** – Jesus, God in _____

B. He is the supreme _____ over all creation in the universe (vs.15b,16-17)

1. Firstborn; Gk. word means first in rank, position; "rights of the firstborn son", goes w/ text
   *Can He be first born of many, and, yet Father's ONLY begotten Son? _____
2. Jesus is the Creator of all things, not some, **ALL! *Notice***, in heavens/earth, even invisible!
   *the strong nuclear force – *what scientists call the "unknown" force that holds the nucleus of atom together* ***(see vs.17!)***

   *If this force let go, the universe would literally explode in infinite nuclear bombs!
   ****WHY gravity?***_____

C. He is Lord of the _____ (vs.16)

*He is Lord, Ruler over all angels and demons *(remember how demons responded to Him!)*

D. He is Lord of the _____ (vs.18)

1. Only the true Church, called out believers, born-again w/ God's Spirit, are God's people
2. He loves His people and will protect and provide for them! ***1Peter2:9-10***

2. Why Does This Matter to Us Today?

A. Jesus is God Almighty, Creator and _____ over all things, all people, all beings!

1. He is One with the Father ***Jn10:28-30***
2. He said, He is the Only way to the Father, Heaven, *all other ways* are false, ***so*** they are!

B. Jesus is Almighty God, our _____, who gave Himself for us on the Cross of Calvary!

1. ***Oh how He loves us!!!*** *What does a Savior do? _____
2. He reconciled us to the Father, when we were His enemies! ***Col1:21-22***
3. Does Jesus only save us from sin and the wrath to come? _____ ****Haggai2:4-5; Ps50:15***

C. Today is the day of _____…

1. America is in trouble, set politics aside and look at it…#1 consumer of child-trafficking; gross sexual perversion and immorality; it is legal to murder children in womb; trillions in debt, disease, pestilence, mental illness – all of this is described in detail in *Deut. and Romans1*
2. What troubles do you have in your own life? _____
3. What does the Lord tell us to do? ***Ps50:15, and look at Psalm40:1-5, David's cry, vs.13,17***
   ****Matt7:7-8; Lk18:1-8***