

HIS PREEMINENCE FOR OUR PERSEVERANCE

Colossians 1:13-23

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What do we have in Christ?

Colossians 1:13-14

Preeminence - the position of supreme importance, authority, or excellence surpassing all others; superior in rank or dignity

4 ASPECTS OF CHRIST'S PREEMINENCE

1. Remain grounded in your faith because Christ Jesus is preeminent in His Person (v 5a)

Jesus is the image of the invisible God

image” - the perfect representation and manifestation of God

Hebrews 1:1-3

What blinds people from acknowledging Christ's Preeminence?

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

John 3:18-19

2. Remain steadfast as a faithful church because Christ Jesus is preeminent in His Position (vv 15b, 16, 18, 19)

Protokos –

Firstborn over all creation -

Firstborn from the dead -

Head of the Body, the church -

3. Remain immovable because Christ Jesus is preeminent in His Power (vv 16-17)

4. Persevere with hope because Christ Jesus is preeminent in His Provision (vv 20-23)

What has Christ provided for us?

What is Christ's goal for us?

He will present...before Him – occurs at the Bema Seat of Christ for all believers

Holy –

Faultless –

Blameless –

“if indeed” – being rewarded at the Bema Seat of Christ by persevering in faithfulness to Christ

Scriptural warnings that perseverance isn't automatic - (*Luke 8:11–15; Galatians 1:6; 2:4, 14; 4:9; 5:1, 4; Ephesians 4:14; 6:10–11; Colossians 2:4, 8; 1 Thessalonians 3:2-5, 8; 1 Timothy 1:19; 4:1; 6:10; 2 Timothy 2:12, 17, 25; 4:4; Titus 1:9, 13*)

Questions:

- **How does Christ's preeminence impact your faith?**
- **What adjustments should I make to put Christ first in my priorities, in how I spend money God provides, in the health of my relationships, in my calendar?**