

Colossians 1:13-18
"Teacher of the Year"
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Key verses for Colossians

- 1:17 - "And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."
- 3:1-3 - "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Central Theme of the Book - "The Preeminent Position of Christ"

- Two prominent sub-themes: 1. The believers' response to Christ's Position being hope, prayer, & obedience.
2. Unity in the Body through resisting false teaching.

1. Christ, His Supremacy and Deity

- a. 1:15 - Jesus IS God - Highlights the Eternality of Jesus. See John 1:1
- b. 1:16 - Jesus' role in Creation - Highlights His rule Over all creation
- c. 1:19; 2:9 - Proves Jesus' full Deity - Jesus is more than a "Good Teacher". *No mere "teacher" is good, to be "good" you must be God.*

2. Resulting Reconciliation and Redemption

- a. 1:20 - This is not just removing sin from our human "account" but reconciling all of creation affected by sin to its Creator
- b. 1:21-22 - Redemption in Christ leads to a radical transformation offered to all who believe through faith.

3. Paul warns the church to "watch out" for false teachings

- a. 2:8; 16-17 - Philosophy, human traditions, logic, etc (Ps. 19:7-11)

4. We are not the same person after meeting Jesus

- a. 3:2,12 - Being a new person results in a new way of living, one of morality, virtue, and godliness

5. You are no longer a single person but a member of the Body of Christ

- a. 1:18; 3:16 - There is no difference anymore. We are all one in Christ. This refers to our ethnicity, socioeconomic, political, and preferential lifestyles

6. Redemption should radically change your home, whether all in your home believe or not

- a. 3:18-21- Your spouse and all offspring
- b. 3:22-4:1 - Any person that you have authority over or are relational to

7. Bookends of Prayer

- a. 1:3; 4:2 - Be Thankful both before and after

8. The Hope we have in Christ, the Preeminent One

- a. 3:3-4 - All believers **will** be with Christ.... Fact!

Conclusion: ***

Doxology - Hebrews 1:1-4