



SUNDAY MAY 9, 2021

*JESUS THE PREEMINENT ONE*

*HAPPY MOTHER'S  
DAY!*

## JESUS THE PREEMINENT ONE

**He** is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by **Him all things** were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things** were created through **Him** and for **Him**. <sup>17</sup> And **He** is before **all things**, and in **Him all things** consist. <sup>18</sup> And **He** is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things **He** may have the preeminence. <sup>19</sup> For it pleased the Father that in **Him all the fullness should dwell**, <sup>20</sup> and by **Him to reconcile all things to Himself**, by **Him**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of **His** cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **He has reconciled** <sup>22</sup> in the body of **His** flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in **His** sight—<sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. ~ **Colossians 1:15-24**

### 1. JESUS IS FULLY GOD

**Memory Verse:**

For it pleased the Father that in **Him all the fullness should dwell.**

~ **Colossians 1:19**

**Gnosticism** is a collection of religious ideas and systems which originated in the late 1st century among Jewish and early Christian sects. These various groups emphasized personal spiritual knowledge and believed that people could only be saved through revealed knowledge over the orthodox teachings, traditions, and authority of the church. Gnostics also held a negative view of the physical or material world and that all matter is evil and that.

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. ~ **Colossians 2:9**

### 2. WE WERE SEPARATED FROM GOD

And you, who once were **alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works**, yet now He has reconciled. ~ **Colossians 1:21**

For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. <sup>8</sup> That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. ~ **Romans 8:7-8**

### 3. JESUS IS THE ONLY PATH TO RECONCILIATION

<sup>20</sup> and by **Him to reconcile all things to Himself**, by **Him**, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of **His** cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **He has reconciled**<sup>22</sup> in the body of **His** flesh through death. ~ **Colossians 1:20-22a**

**To reconcile** means “to change” from enmity to friendship.

The word *reconcile* is one of the most significant and descriptive terms in all of Scripture. It is one of five key words used in the New Testament to describe the richness of salvation in Christ, along with *justification*, *redemption*, *forgiveness*, and *adoption*.

1. **In justification**, the sinner stands before God guilty and condemned, but is declared righteous (Romans 8:33).
2. **In redemption**, the sinner stands before God as a slave, but is granted his freedom (Romans 6:18-22).
3. **In forgiveness**, the sinner stands before God as a debtor, but the debt is paid and forgotten (Ephesians 1:7).
4. **In reconciliation**, the sinner stands before God as an enemy, but becomes His friend (2 Corinthians 5:18-20).
5. **In adoption**, the sinner stands before God as a stranger, but is made a son (Ephesians 1:5).

Now all things are of God, **who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ**. ~ **2 Corinthians 5:18**

#### **4. JESUS IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled*<sup>22</sup> *in the body of His flesh through death, **to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight***. ~ **Colossians 1:20-22**

#### **5. WE MUST CONTINUE IN THE FAITH**

*If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.* ~ **Colossians 1:23-24**

*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless. Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.* ~ **Jude 24**

*That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.* ~ **Colossians 1:10**

**Two ways to stay grounded in the faith:**

- Make Jesus First In Everything.
- Refocus Your Attention On Jesus Daily.

**NEXT STEPS**

- Memorize Colossians 1:19
- Sign up to be Baptized
- Sign up for a Connect group
- Sign up for Growth Track
- Sign up for the women's breakfast