

SUNDAY MAY 2, 2021

CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ 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.

~ Colossians 1:12-18

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FIVE REASONS TO BE THANKFUL IN VERSES 12-14:

1. HE HAS QUALIFIED US

Giving thanks to the Father who has <u>qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance</u> of the saints in the light. ~ Colossians 1:12

Qualified - "to make sufficient, to empower, to authorize, to make fit." We are not qualified through our own efforts. God has qualified us through the finished work of Jesus Christ. **To share in the inheritance of the saints** (i.e., the kingdom treasures that belong to believers).

2. HE DELIVERED US

He has <u>delivered us from the power of darkness</u> and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. ~ **Colossians 1:13**

3. HE HAS <u>TRANSLATED</u> US

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Conveyed/Translated - deportation of a population from one country into another.

4. HE REDEEMED US

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

~ Colossians 1:14

5. HE HAS FORGIVEN US

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And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out

the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

~ Colossians 2:12-14

The false teachers that had infiltrated Colossae like the false teachers of our day did not deny the importance of Jesus Christ; they <u>were dethroning Him, giving Him</u> prominence but not preeminence.

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~ Colossians 1:15-18

THREE UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENTS TO PROVE JESUS CHRIST'S PREEMINENCE:

1. JESUS CHRIST IS GOD

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power. ~ **Hebrews 1:3a**

He who has seen Me has seen the Father. ~ John 14:9b

2. JESUS CREATED ALL THINGS

For by Him <u>all things were created</u> that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. <u>All things</u> <u>were created through Him and for Him.</u> ~ Colossians 1:16

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

And He is the <u>head of the body, the church</u>, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in **all things** He may have the preeminence. ~ **Colossians 1:18**

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, <u>but Christ is all and in all.</u> ~ Colossians 3:11

- NEXT STEPS
 Sign up to be Baptized
 Sign up for a Connect group
 Sign up for Growth Track
- Sign up for the women's breakfast