

2015 Christmas Series

“Jesus Is... The Cosmic Christ!”

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

A week before Christmas, a young boy rushes into the family room, causing his mother to stand there with her mouth wide open, and he says, holding huge box in his hands, "We'd better tell Santa Claus to forget about bringing the train set I asked for. I just found one on the top shelf of Dad's closet!"

"And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church,..." (NKJV)

"Y El ha existido antes de todas las cosas, y en El todas las cosas permanecen. El es también la cabeza del cuerpo que es la iglesia." (ESP)

"He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body." (NLT)

Starting in Col 1:15, Paul began to describe the Person of Christ, in majestic and glorious portraits. He already told us that Christ is Supreme since He is:

- The **REPRESENTER** of God.
- The **MASTER** who is God.
- The **CREATOR** with God.
- **"When I was a kid, I wanted a basketball for Christmas so bad I could scream! I dropped all kinds of hints. I made false phone calls to my mother in another viice, telling her that her son really ought to have a basketball. I found the cheapest prices, and dropped those on the breakfast table. You know, all those things. And finally, there appeared under the Christmas tree a box, and it looked the perfect size for a basketball! I could already see myself making jump-shots with it. Christmas day finally came, and I tore into the thing! What was it? A world globe! Have you ever tried to dribble with a globe? I mean, you**

*can even inflate the dumb thing! It didn't look at all like what I expected!" - **Chuck Swindoll***

1. The ORIGINATOR from Eternity: "And He is before all things..."

NLT - "He existed before anything else.."

The Greek words here "**pro panton**" meaning before all other things or before any other things was there.

Paul is teaching that Jesus Christ, as God the Son, has always/eternally existed!

John declares Jesus Christ to be:

- The Eternal "**WORD**" - **John 1:1** - "In the beginning the Word already existed, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
- The Eternal "**I AM**" - **John 8:58** - "Before Abraham existed, I AM!"
- The Eternal "**SON OF GOD**" - **John 17:5** - "Father restore to Me the glory that I had with you before the world was created."
*"It is not possible that the man who denies that Jesus Christ is God, can be a Christian. He is deliberately refusing the only way of escape from the wrath to come...Depend on it, my hearer, you never will go to Heaven unless you are prepared to worship Jesus Christ as God." - **Charles Spurgeon.***

- The **ETERNAL CHRIST** appeared many times in the Old Testament:

Adam-Gen 2; Melchizedek-18; Jacob-28; Joshua 5...

"According to an old legend, one day satan and his demons were having a wild Christmas party. As the demonic guests were leaving, one of them grinned and said to satan, "Merry Merry Christmas, your majesty!" At that, satan replied with a demonic growl, "Yes, keep it very merry..for if humans ever get serious about Christmas, we'll all be in big trouble!"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN PRACTICALLY??

- Christ has eternally **known** YOU, always **desired** YOU, and

infinitely **loved** YOU!!

2. **The SUSTAINER of all Reality:** *"..and in Him all things consist."*

NLT - *"..He holds all creation together."*

This Greek word "synestemi" means to "put things together, or stick objects together"

Christ holds, keeps, preserves, sustains ALL of creation together, in it's moment-by-moment existence!!

Christ holds YOU together in at least 3 amazing ways:

- **METAPHYSICALLY**...*Christ sustains your existence!*
- **PHYSICALLY**...*Christ sustains your atoms!*

Daniel Webster was once asked how he could comprehend that Jesus Christ was fully God and fully Man. "No, sir," he replied, and added, "I should be ashamed to acknowledge Him as my Savior if I could comprehend Him. If I could comprehend Him, He would be no greater than myself...I need a superhuman Savior, one so great and glorious that I cannot fully comprehend Him!"

- **PERSONALLY**..*Christ sustains your soul!*

One day a pastor was traveling on a train in Europe. The only other passenger in the cabin with him was a young man, who was reading a newspaper. This young man began to speak to the minister and explain that indeed he was a Christian, but that he was under constant attack from so many temptations, that he didn't think he could stand being a disciple one week longer. The minister simply took from his pocket a small Bible and a pen. He said, "Watch how I can make this pen stand up perfectly straight and balanced on the cover of my Bible, despite the rocking and shaking of the train." The young man doubted it could actually be done, but still watched him with eager anticipation. "This is how it's done" said the pastor, as he simply put his finger on the top of the pen, steadying it upright on top of the Bible. "Well that doesn't

count, you're using your finger to hold it up!" "Of course I am." answered the minister, "Whoever heard of a pen that could hold itself up, all on it's own, without any help?"

8. The LEADER of the Body: "And He is the Head of the Body, the Church..."

NLT - "Christ is also the Head of the Church, which is His Body."

a) As the Leader, Jesus GUIDES the Church...

- **Rev 1:12,13** - "Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man..."

b) As the Leader, Jesus EMPOWERS the Church...

- **Acts 1:8** - "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me.."
- "I cannot describe all that Christ is to us, for what is He not to us? He is the **SUN** of our day; He is the **STAR** of our night; He is our **LIFE**; He is our life's **LIFE**; He is our **HEAVEN** on earth, and He shall be our **HEAVEN** in Heaven!" - **Charles Spurgeon**

c) As the Leader, Jesus SAVED the Church...

- **Acts 20:28** - "...shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."
- "When Jesus came in the form of a Servant, He was not disguising Who God is..He was revealing Who God is!" - **John Ortberg**

WHY NOT LET JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, SAVE YOU TODAY?!?

- "If Jesus truly is the God-Man, His teachings are more than just good ideas from a wise teacher, they are divine truth on which I should confidently build my life!" - **Lee Strobel**

"Twas the Night Before Jesus Came"

*Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house,
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were laid on the shelf without care,
In hopes that Christ would not come in there.
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling, or bowing a head.
And Mom in her rocker, with baby on lap,*

was watching the Late Show, while Dad took a nap.
When out of the East, there arose such a clatter,
I jumped to my feet to see what's the matter.
Away to the window, I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But angels proclaiming that **JESUS was here!**
With light like the sun, shooting out a bright ray,
I knew in a moment that **THIS WAS THE DAY!**
The light of His face made me cover my head,
It was JESUS, returning just like He'd said!
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I CRIED when I saw Him, because of my self.
In the **BOOK OF LIFE**, which He held in His hand,
was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word, as He searched for my name,
When He said "It's not here," my head hung in shame.
The people with names had been written with love,
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready, He rose without sound,
while all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had **WAITED TOO LONG**, and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried, as they rose out of sight,
If only **I COULD HAVE BEEN READY** tonight!
In the words of this poem, the meaning is clear,
the Return of Jesus is now drawing near.
There only **ONE LIFE**, and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!