
He's Keeping Me Together // Colossians 1:17

Key Verse:

Colossians 1:17 (GW) ¹⁷ He existed before everything and holds everything together.

Colossians 1:9 (NLT) ⁹ So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete **knowledge of his will** and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Paul's primary petition was that **God** would **fill** them **with the knowledge of His will**. Paul used two key words, "fill" (**plēroō**) and "knowledge" (*epignōsis*). The first suggests a **filling out to completeness**, and the latter suggests a full, deep understanding.

- God show them what you want them to do!

Such knowledge of God's will does not come from a fleshly mind, but from the Holy Spirit who enlightens a believer's inner person, and from the Word of God. God's will, revealed in the Bible, is made known to believers by the Holy Spirit's teaching ministry. To this Paul added, **through all spiritual wisdom (*sophia*;** that is, practical know-how which comes from God (James 1:5; 3:15), **and understanding (*synesei*;** **which speaks of clear analysis and decision-making in applying this knowledge to various problems.**

- God show them in PRACTICAL WAYS to live life with Clarity!!!

More than anything in this life, **I WANNA BE IN HIS WILL.**

What does his will do? The Will of God is ultimately his "PURPOSE" for our lives.

There are 3 Key Benefits to being in the will of God:

- 1) Produces Revenue
- 2) Prevents Waste
 - I'm trying to keep you from wasting time! Every move I make this year is about to be **Strategic**. I don't have any time left for preventable mistakes.
- 3) Provides Peace

Alright, Pastor. So, what's the benefit? *I'm glad you asked!* Because verse **10** tells me how you **win!** Look at it...

Colossians 1:10 (NLT) Then **the way you live will always honor and please the Lord**, and **your lives will produce every kind of good fruit**. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Colossians 1:13 (NASB) For He **rescued us** from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

Rescued-Transliterated Word: *rhuomai* Root: akin to skellō *eruo* (to drag);
- *New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.*

Colossians 1:15-16 (NLT) ¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, ¹⁶ For through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.

Paul mentioned seven unique characteristics of Christ, which fittingly qualify Him to have "the supremacy".

Christ is:

- (1) The Image of God - *Whatever GOD is Jesus is*
- (2) The Firstborn Over Creation
- (3) Creator of the Universe - *Jesus was present at creation when God said, "Let us make man."*
- (4) Head of the Church - *GOD IS THE HEAD OF THE ROCK!*
- (5) Firstborn from the Dead - *Many will say, "What about Lazarus & the little girl?" There is a difference in Resuscitation and Resurrection. Every other religious creator is dead! Muhammad, Confucius, Ronald Hubbard, Buddha, Hare Krishna, but Jesus is alive!*
- (6) The fullness of God
- (7) The Reconciler of **ALL** things

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Well what is he holding together?

- My Health
- My Relationships
- My Finances
- My Mind
- My Faith