



## BECAUSE, HE IS PREEMINENT IN EVERYTING.

Colossians (*and the entire Bible for that matter*) makes an extremely exclusive statement regarding what believers are to be rooted and built up in: **Christ alone!!** Now, if we are going out into the world to share this extremely exclusive statement, we need to be prepared to explain why and how we are making such a claim.

This explanation is the focus of our text this morning. In Colossians 1:15-20, Paul gives the answer in simple terms. The reason why all we need is found in Christ is **because Christ is preeminent in everything**. And by everything, He means everything. And once again, we find ourselves making another extremely exclusive statement about Christ. No matter what you measure Him up against, **He is greater than. He ranks first. He is supreme.**

This morning, we will see how Christ is supreme in all creation and in the church. This is a powerful message with massive implications for our faith and for our life. Please pray that I communicate God's Word clearly in both of our worship services regarding this wonderful truth.

I am excited to discuss the preeminence of Christ!!!!

*Pastor Mark*

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***Experiencing God*** is a time-tested Bible study that guides you to experience the kind of relationship with God through which you come to know and do His will. In this study, you will explore seven realities or biblical truths that will change your life. ***Experiencing God*** is a 13-week Bible study that **begins on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm in Room 105**. The cost of the course study guide is \$15. **Please sign up in the Foyer this morning.**



*If you know a friend, neighbor or relative that would benefit from this study, prayerfully invite them to attend. This is an amazing way to love on our families and community.*

We will **begin a GriefShare group on Wednesday, August 13th at 6 pm in Room 101**. All other sessions begin at 6:30 pm. **You can get more information and sign up at the Welcome Desk this morning.** The cost of the 13-week class and Participant Workbook is \$20. Please **sign up** in the Foyer this morning!

If you're grieving over the death of a family member or close friend, you can find help at GriefShare. Each week GriefShare groups begin with a video featuring respected experts on grief-related topics and helpful stories from people who have experienced loss. Their insights and experiences will help you manage your emotions, gain clarity, and find answers to your questions as you walk through the grief process.



# Summer Wednesday Nights

**Summer Kids and  
Adult Bible Study Schedule**  
6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Please Note:  
our Family Supper will  
resume **Wednesday,**  
**August 20th, 5 pm - 6 pm**

**TODAY! CHURCHWIDE PRAYER - 6 pm**

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

**MEN'S / WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY: NATURE AND FORM OF SCRIPTURE**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**MEN'S GOLF OUTING - SANLAN GOLF COURSE**

Thursdays, 9 am –Text Darrel Rusnell if interested. (210-643-5537)

**OFFICE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING**

Sunday, July 27th following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

**WOW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS GAME NIGHT**

Monday, July 28th, 6:30 - 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**EMBRACE WIDOWS' MINISTRY POT LUCK LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP**

Tuesday, July 29th, 11:30 am - 1 pm in Room 101

**GRIEFSHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY**

Begins Wednesday, August 13th at 6 pm. **Sign up at the Welcome Desk.**

**EXPERIENCING GOD BIBLE STUDY**

Begins Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm. **Sign up in the Foyer.**

**upcoming  
& events**  
discipleship  
opportunities

# LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

Office volunteers are needed.

Do you have the gift of administration?

Do you enjoy talking to new people?

Do you have a flexible schedule?



COME TO AN INFORMATION  
MEETING ON SUNDAY, JULY 27TH,  
FOLLOWING THE MORNING SERVICE  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

We are looking for dedicated members to join our office volunteer staff on a weekly or as you are available basis. Duties include answering the phone, accepting packages, greeting visitors, stuffing the worship guide with inserts and other office duties as they arise. We will meet on **Sunday, July 27th in the Fellowship Hall** after the morning service, with more information. Please **sign up in the Foyer**. This will be a brief meeting and we look forward to sharing this need with you.

## VOLUNTEER IN THE OFFICE



### Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	16,588.81
Missions	739.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,328.67</b>



# MENTOR ME: WEEK TWO

July 13, 2025 Colossians 1:15-20

## sermon notes

“Because Jesus is preeminent in everything.” (1:18)

He is supreme in all creation. (1:15-17)

He is the **beginning** of creation. (1:16)

He is the **glue** of creation. (1:17)

He is the **reconciler** of creation. (1:20)

\*\*will discuss with “He is the **reconciler** of the church.”

He is supreme in the church. (1:18-29)

He is the **head** of the church. (1:18)

He is the **reconciler** of the church. (1:18-20)

He is the **hope** of the church. (1:20)



# 710 REFLECTION

own it. live it. teach it.

What specific claims does Paul make regarding the **deity of Christ** in **Colossians 1:15-20**?

Paul is dealing with the **heresy of angels being the mediation between God and man**. What do you see in **Colossians 1:15-20** that seems to address this?

How would you summarize Jesus as the **“beginning, middle, and end of creation”** according to **Colossians 1:15-20**?

*\*\*how Paul might have countered philosophically*

How would you summarize Jesus as the **“beginning middle, and end of the church”** according to **Colossians 1:15-20**?

**Colossians 1:20** states that the cross makes peace. **How?**

According to **Colossians 1:21-22**, what is the **end means of reconciliation** for the believer?

What does **“firstborn from the dead”** mean in **Colossians 1:18**?

How do you think this verse has become **the verse** that attacks **the deity of Christ**? **Colossians 1:15**