Jesus the Supreme One Colossians 1:13-23

Main Point: Our lives must declare Jesus Christ as the Supreme One and proclaim the Hope that He alone holds for us!

1. He is the Supreme One because of <u>Who</u> He is:

A. The <u>Image</u> of the invisible God. (verse 15)

Icon (Eikon) = Image, likeness

Hebrews 1:3

B. <u>Firstborn & Sovereign</u> over all creation. (verses 15–17)

'Firstborn' – <u>technical phrase =</u> <u>Heir</u>. The Father has given Him all things.

Philippians 2:9

C. The One through whom all things were created and are <u>sustained</u>. (verse 17)

John 1:1-2

*Do you know Him, the One who has brought all things into existence & sustains all things by His powerful Word?

D. <u>Head</u> of the Body – His Church (verse 18)

(His chosen instrument of redemption)

Ephesians 1:22-33

E. <u>Incarnate Reconciler</u> of all things. (verses 19-20)

'Fullness' = complete - the divine nature melded with the original sinless nature of man. Philippians 2:9-10 & Hebrews 2:9-11

2. He is the Supreme One because of <u>What</u> He

has done:

A. The <u>sacrifice</u> of His Physical body unto death. (verse 22)

God's fullness dwelled in Him in bodily form (2:9)

B. His <u>resurrection</u> from the dead, conquering death's power. (verses 18 & 22)

*Firstborn from the dead = He was the first to have a resurrected, glorified body!

C. He presents those 'in Him' as Holy, without blemish, and free from accusation! (verses 22-23)

It is this Supreme One whose Spirit births, forms, grows, and lives Christ through us!

*Do you know Him - Will you one day bow the knee before the King of kings & Lord of lords as one of the Redeemed or one who has refused Him??