

## I. Overview of Big Idea

### 1. Christ is SUPREME

- In creation (v. 15-17)
- In the Church; the new creation (v. 18)

### 2. Christ is SUFFICIENT

- In His person; God with us (v. 19)

## II. Colossae

### 1. Overview

- Located in modern-day TURKEY, in the LYCUS River Valley, approximately 100 miles East of EPHESUS
- EPAPHRAS likely planted this church.
- Mixed GENTILE and JEWISH demographic
- Letter to refute HERESY
- Refers to Colossians ERRORISTS

### 2. What did the Errorists Believe?

- Denial of the HUMANITY of Christ
  - Paul refutes with Col. 1:22
- Denial of the DEITY of Christ.
  - Paul refutes with Col. 2:9

- Doubted the sufficiency of Christ for SALVATION.

- Paul refutes with Col. 1:28 and Col. 2:10

### III. Christ is Supreme: His sufficiency depends on His supreme AUTHORITY.

- He is supreme in CREATION.
- Because Christ is the supreme LORD, He must be a sufficient SAVIOR.
- He is a SUFFICIENT Savior, because He is the SUPREME Lord.
- Christ's supremacy is evidenced by the fact that he is the firstborn OVER all creation.
  - Christ stands at the head of the NEW CREATION.
    - The firstborn of the dead.

### IV. Christ is sufficient because He is GOD WITH US.

### V. What we take away....

In possessing preeminent authority, Christ must be a perfect Savior. His sufficient adequacy depends on His supreme authority. Mature Christians seek ways to better understand how this fact connects to their everyday life.