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The overall theme of the letter to the Colossians is that Jesus Christ is everything we need and we are complete in Him. Chapter one focuses on the fulness of Jesus Christ for every saint. In today's section, we are in the _____ of it all...Jesus Christ is preeminent in all things (v. 18b-19; Php. 2:9-11). Preeminent simply means surpassing others, superior, or _____. The areas of preeminence God highlights here about Jesus are for Colosse (*and Laodicea*) in particular, areas in which Jesus Christ is robbed of His preeminence. May we recognize these and give Jesus Christ His rightful place and the glory He deserves.

THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST – Colossians 1:15-19

1. He is Preeminent in Salvation – v. 15; Acts 4:12

- He is the _____ of the invisible God – Col. 2:9; Jn. 14:1, 8-13; 1 Tim. 3:16; Gen. 1:26, 5:3.
- He is the _____ **of every creature** – Is. 43:10-11; Rom. 8:29 (Matt. 1:20); 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15; Mk. 16:15.
- What if He is not?

2. He is Preeminent in Creation – v. 16-17

- **All things** were _____ by and for Him – v. 16; Jn. 1:1-3, 8:58-59, 17:5; Lk. 10:18; Rev. 3:14; Rom. 1:20; Ps. 8:3-4, 19:1, 119:73; Job 10:8.

Things in Heaven =

Things in Earth =

Things Visible and Things Invisible =

Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Powers =

- **All things** in creation are controlled by and _____ by Him – v. 17; Acts 17:27-28; Heb. 1:1-3, 13:8; Job 26:10.
- What if He is not?

3. He is Preeminent in His Church – v. 18; Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28

- He is the head of the _____ (*of believers*), the church – 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph. 1:22-23, 4:9-12, 5:23; Rev. 1:13, 20, 2:1; 1 Jn. 3:22; Ps. 23; 1 Pet. 2:25.
- He is the _____ **from the dead** – Rev. 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:55-57.
- What if He is not?