

Preeminence of Christ

Concept development: Godhead – Recognizing three distinct personalities

Words to define: **Preeminence** - NT: 4409- proteuo (prote-yoo'-o); from NT: 4413; to be first (in rank or influence): KJV - have the preeminence. NT: 4413 - protos (pro'-tos); contracted superlative of NT: 4253; foremost (in time, place, order or importance): KJV - before, beginning, best, chief (-est), first (of all), former. NT: 4253 - pro (pro); a primary preposition; "fore", i.e. in front of, prior (figuratively, superior) to: KJV - above, ago, before, or ever. In comparison it retains the same significations.

Firstborn - NT: 4416 -prototokos (pro-tot-ok'-os); from NT: 4413 and the alternate of NT: 5088; first-born (usually as noun, literally or figuratively): KJV - first begotten (-born). NT: 4413 - protos (pro'-tos); contracted superlative of NT: 4253; foremost (in time, place, order or importance): KJV - before, beginning, best, chief (-est), first (of all), former. NT: 4253 -pro (pro); a primary preposition; "fore", i.e. in front of, prior (figuratively, superior) to: KJV - above, ago, before, or ever. In comparison it retains the same significations. NT: 5088 - tikto (tik'-to); a strengthened form of a primary teko (tek'-o) (which is used only as alternate in certain tenses); to produce (from seed, as a mother, a plant, the earth, etc.), literally or figuratively: KJV - bear, be born, bring forth, be delivered, be in travail. *one of a kind - no other like it*

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Body:

Chapter 1

- V 14 We have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of sins - *Christ has taken care of everyone's sins*
Rescued us from the devil
The only one able to do what was needed
- V 15 Image of the invisible God
Adam was made in the image of God [Gen 1:26] *God desired Adam to live as Him, but he*
Sinless, Love for man, in Him we can see the father *couldn't, but Christ did*
First born of every creature
Holds a higher rank *- 1st in a kind*
- V 16 All things were created by Him and for Him
In heaven or earth
Both the visible and invisible
Thrones, dominions, principalities, powers - *maybe good do look up definitions (demons, angels)*
- V 17 He is before all things for He is eternal *he is ruler over that*
By Him all things consist - all things were created for one purpose (for His honor and glory)
- V 18 Head of the body the church (spiritual kingdom of God)
The beginning, the first born from the dead (raised never to die)
That He might have preeminence (we must make Him that in our lives)
- V 19 All the fullness dwells in Him (authority, spiritual blessing)
- V 20 Reconciled all things making peace through the blood on the cross *- enmity between God and man -*
Between man and God *reconciled this by blood of Christ*
- V 21 Alienated and Enemies of God because of wicked works we were separated from God
- V 22 He presents us as holy, unblamable and unreprouvable *he did this entire life on earth, to present*
Through His body *us as holy, unblamable, unreprouvable*
Sinless life, death on the cross, willingness to offer a sacrifice for us

- Chapter 2

- V 3 In whom are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and Knowledge
- There is nothing we need to know outside of Christ -
Beguile you with enticing words [v 4]
Philosophy and vain deceit, Tradition of men, Rudiments of the world [8]
Rooted and build up in Him being establish in your faith - *slg our life's desire to find out God's*
Knowledge is all about evolution
- V 4 Took away to Old Law
- V 15 Spoiled principalities & Powers showing them openly and triumphing over them
Angels, men, demons and the devil saw the power of Christ *when Christ was hanging on*
the cross, some probably did triumph,
but it was his death

Memory Verse: Psalms 119:03

Text: Colossians 1-4

Words to define: Preeminence _____

Redemption _____

Dominions _____

Principalities _____

Chapter 1

1. Who was the writer of the Colossian letter?
2. In verse 14, it says in whom we have _____ through his blood.
3. What was Jesus able to do for us? Was anyone else able to do this?
4. In verse 15, who is the image of the invisible God?
5. Who else was made in the image of God?
6. Why were we told Jesus was the firstborn over all creation?
7. Who is before all things?
8. Explain verses 19-20.
9. How were we "once alienated and enemies of God"?
10. Explain the meaning of "in the body of his flesh through death", in verse 22. Also give other bible verses about Jesus death.

Chapter 2

1. What was nailed to the cross in verse 14? Why?

Chapter 3

1. How are we raised with Christ? What are we to seek?
2. Explain verse 2-4.
3. What is to be put to death?
4. What does verse 12-15 tell us to do?