

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.

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Body:

Chapter 1

- V 14 We have redemption through His blood the forgiveness of 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]
Sinless, Love for man, in Him we can see the father
First born of every creature
Holds a higher rank
- V 16 All things were created by Him and for Him
In heaven or earth
Both the visible and invisible
Thrones, dominions, principalities, powers
- V 17 He is before all things for He is eternal
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
Between man and God
- 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
Through His body
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
- V 14 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

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LESSON 11

TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1-4 TEACHER: MEMORY VERSE: PSALMS: 119:103

QUESTIONS

CHAPTER 1

- 1. – What has Christ done for us?**
- 2. – What or who can we see when we study the life of Christ?**
- 3. – Even though man was created in God's image (Gen. 1:26) why can we not see God in us?**
- 4. – Who is named as the Creator in v. 16?**
- 5. – What is Christ the head of here on earth?**
- 6. – What did Christ do for the relationship between God and man?**

CHAPTER 2

- 1. – Does it take effort to find wisdom in Christ?**
- 2. – Why must we be careful of the “enticing words of men”?**
- 3. –What is baptism compared to in this chapter?**
- 4. – What happened to the Old Law when Christ was nailed to the cross?**

CHAPTER 3

- 1. – Read v. 1-4. Where should our minds be focused?**

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TEXT: COLOSSIANS 1-4

ABC REFERENCE: XI-11

SONGS TO SING:

- All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- Fairest Lord Jesus
- Worthy Art Thou

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOUNG MEN:

- *Sunday Morning* – Lead a prayer at the beginning of class
- *Sunday Morning* – Lead the class in a formal Bible reading (selected from the “Key Readings”)
- *Wednesday Night* – Lead a prayer at the beginning of class
- *Wednesday Night* – Lead the class in a formal Bible reading (selected from the “Key Readings”)

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOUNG LADIES:

- *Sunday Morning* – Read a passage for the class (selected from the “Key Readings”)
- *Wednesday Night* – Report on the city of Colosse in the time of Paul (Hint: use a study Bible, Bible encyclopedia, or Bible dictionary)
- *Wednesday Night* – List some of Paul’s companions identified in Colossians chapter 4 and tell something about them.

SOMEONE TO HELP:

If you get stuck with the readings, questions, assignments, reports or anything else – Ask your parents for a little help or call Mark Hope at 513-3494 or Mike Ferrell at 327-9145.

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A VERSE TO REMEMBER:

“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is from the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”
Colossians 1:18

KEY READINGS:

Col 1:1-29	Col 2:1-23	Col 3:1-25
Col 4:1-14	Col 3:23-24	Col 4:6

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. _____ and _____ wrote the book of Colossians.
2. The book was written to “the _____ and _____
_____ in Christ”
3. _____ was a minister that had been working with the Colossian church.
4. Those who have become Christians were “transferred” from where to where?
5. According to chapter 1, verse 16 who created all things in heaven and on the earth?
6. Who is the head of the spiritual body (the church)?
7. What does the word “preeminence” mean?
8. What does the word “reconcile” mean?
9. What was that Jesus did that reconciled the Colossian Christians unto God?
10. What is the “mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations”?
11. Who was this mystery revealed to?
12. List those items that will cause a Christian to be “cheated” of their salvation.

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13. "_____ with Him in _____, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."
14. What did Jesus "nail to the cross"?
15. The governments of this world (principalities and powers) triumphed over Jesus when they put Him to death. (T or F)
16. Doing very "religious things" such as worshipping angels, wearing robes and sandals, and not eating certain foods are good ways of demonstrating our devotion to God. (T or F)
17. A Christian will seek those things that are _____.
18. List those things that a Christian should "put to death" in their lives.
19. God cares only that you follow Christ - and not what race you are, how rich you are, or what your social standing is. (T or F)
20. List some characteristics that a Christian should "put on".
21. What types of songs should a Christian sing?
22. What types of instruments are we told to play in worship to God in Colossians 3:16?
23. What are wives to do?
24. What are husbands to do?
25. What are children to do?
26. What are fathers not to do?
27. What are servants to do?
28. God appreciates a job well done, whether it is big or small. (T or F)
29. What are masters to do?
30. "Walk in _____ toward those who are outside, _____ the time."