

INTRODUCTION: FIRSTBORN

- A. BIBLICAL BACKGROUND & APPLICATIONS** (12/16/18)
- B. PERFECTION IN CHRIST & ADORATIONS** (12/23/18)
- C. SYNONYMS: BIRTHRIGHT; PRIMOGENITURE** (all or most)

REVIEW: PRINCIPLES SUMMARIZED

- A. CREATION ORDINANCE** (Gen.1:26f; 2:18f; 10:15,etc; see 1Tm.2:12-14; Ex.20:12f; *LC on 5th commandment*)
- B. NATURAL OFFICE: HUSBAND, MOTHER; ELDER/OLDER; EMPLOYER; GOVERNOR**
(1Tm.2:12-14; Tt.2:2,3; Eph.5:22-6:9; Gen.4:20f; 2Kngs.5:13; Ps.89:27; see *LC 124-132 on 5th commandment*)
- C. DIVINELY ASSIGNED ORDER THAT PRESUPPOSES EQUALITY** (Gen.1:27; 2:18f; 1Pt.3:7&1; see 1Tm.2:12-14; 1Cor.11:8f; see *LC 124,126; i.e., super-ordinates, sub-ordinates, co-ordinates*)
- D. CORRUPTIONS OF THE FALL REGULATED WITH PROTECTIONS & REMEDIES** (Dt.21:15f&18f /1Chr.5:1,etc.1; Rom.9:4(Ex.4:22); 11:17f /Dt.21:15f,18f; 1Cor.6:1f; Acts 15:1f /Eph.5:21-6:4)

I. JESUS CHRIST IS THE FIRSTBORN OF MAN (see Col.1:15,18)

- A. ADAM: BIRTHRIGHT FORFEITED** (Gen.1:26f; 3:17f; see 1Chr.5:1,2)
- B. THE SEED OF THE WOMAN: BIRTHRIGHT TRANSFERRED** (Gen.3:15,24; see Gal.3:16)
- C. HER FIRSTBORN SON** (Lk.2:7,22f; Mt.1:21; see Ex.13:2f; Num.3:13; 8:17)
- D. THE FIRSTBORN SON CALLED OUT OF EGYPT** (Mt.2:15 (Hos.11:1); see Ex.4:22; Rom.9:4)
- E. THE SECOND ADAM** (Rom.5:14f; see 1Cor.15:45; heir of *all* things, Heb.1:2; Col.1:15; Gen.1:26f)
- F. THE RIGHT HAND** (Rom.8:29,34; Mt.26:64; Acts 2:33; see Gen.48:14,17f; Ps.80:17,15)
- G. THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD** (Col.1:18b; Rev.1:5; see Rom.6:4; 8:11; Eph.2:6; see 1Cor.15:20f)
- H. THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN** (Rom.8:29,34; 17; 15,23 (Eph.1:5); see Col.1:18; Heb.12:23; 2:13)
- I. SUMMARY: THE FIRST AMONG EQUALS IN ORDER TO SERVE THEM** (Phil.2:5f; Lk.22:27; Rom.8:3,29; see Gen.48:20 & 50:21; see Eph.5:21-6:4)

II. JESUS CHRIST IS THE FIRSTBORN OF GOD (see Col.1:15-17; 19)

- A. THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN (SON OF) GOD** (Jn.1:14,18 & 3:16-18; see Zech.12:10; see Mt.1:23,21)
- B. THE FIRSTBORN INTO THE WORLD** (Heb.1:5,6f,8,13; 2,3; see Col.1:15-17,19; 2:9)
- C. SUMMARY: THE FIRST OVER ALL IN ORDER TO SERVE THEM** (Col.1:15-17,19 → 13,14; 20f; see Heb.1:2f; 2:10f,13f; c.3-13!; see Phil.2:5-11)

III. RESPOND TO THE ASTOUNDING SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS!

- A. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE FIRSTBORN SON OF GOD OVER ALL THINGS AND THE FIRSTBORN SON OF THE WOMAN TO SAVE HIS FAMILY!**
(Lk.2:7; Col.1:15f; see all above!)
- B. WORSHIP THE FIRSTBORN SON!** (Mt.2:2,8; Lk.2:8f (Heb.1:6,1f; Col.1:15-20))
- C. TRUST THE FIRSTBORN SON TO TAKE CARE OF YOU NOW & FOREVER!**
(Heb.1:2f,6 w/2:13,etc.; Col.1:15f w/13,14; 20f; see Mt.1:23,21)
- D. FOLLOW THE FIRSTBORN SON THROUGH HIS SUFFERING INTO HIS GLORY IN THE ETERNAL JOY OF GOD!** (Rom.8:29,17; see Mt.10:38; 16:24f; 25:21,23)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)