## Princeton Presbyterian Church Sunday, January 2, 2011 + 10:45am Colossians 1:15-20 "Jesus Christ is LORD" J. Andrew White

Here is a true blessing – Grasp the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

- I. Jesus Christ is the LORD of creation. vs. 15-17
- 1. He is the Agent of creation. "by Him...through Him"
- A. Both earthly and heavenly 16b
- B. Both physical and spiritual 16c
- 2. He is the Goal of creation. 216 d "created...for Him"
- 3. He is the Predecessor of creation. 17 "before all things"
- 4. He is the Sustainer of creation. 17b "all...hold together"
- II. Jesus Christ is the LORD of your church. Vs.18
- 1. He is the Origin of your church. "He is the beginning"
- A. In time.
- B. In existence (creation). vs.15-17
- 2. He is the Life of your church. "the firstborn from the dead"
- 3. He is the Head of your church. "the head of the body"
- 4. He reigns as Lord of all things.18d "first place in everything"
- III. Jesus Christ is the LORD God Himself. Vs.19 [2:9]
- 1. The Deity of Jesus Christ is declared: vs.19
- A. Harmony of the Godhead: Father's "good pleasure"
- B. The completeness of His deity: "all the fullness" 2:9
- 2. The Deity of Jesus Christ is confirmed:
- A. His life proves it. Predicted and fulfilled.
- B. His followers recognized it.
- C. He Himself claimed it.
- D. The Bible teaches it.
- IV. Jesus Christ is the LORD of your salvation. Vs.20
- 1. Who is the LORD of your salvation? "through Him"
- A. Only one could. vs.19
- B. Only one has.
- 2 What has God accomplished for you through Him? "to reconcile all things to Himself"
- A. Your very real need. Ephesians 2:12-13
- B. God's action; we unable.
- C. Wide effects. "all things...on earth...in heaven"
- 3. How did God do this for you? "having made peace"
  - A. Real conflict, Vs.21
- B. True peace. Vs.22 Ephesians 2:13-16
- 4. What was the cost? "blood of the cross"
  - A. Atoning sacrifice.
  - B. Curse removed.