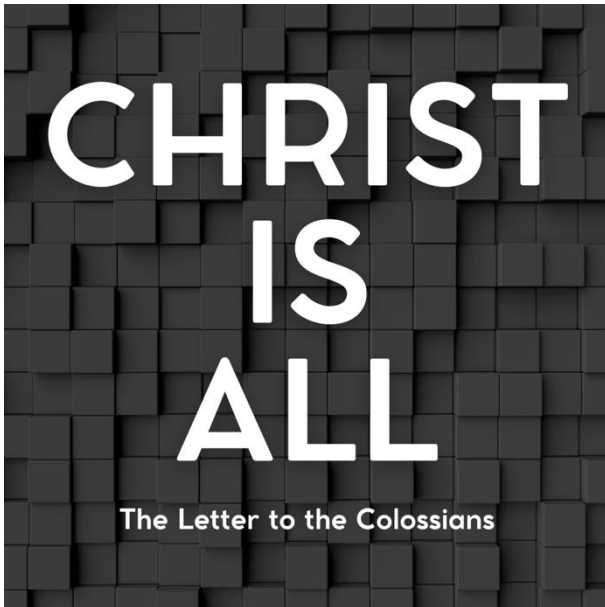


“The Pre-Eminent One”

Colossians 1:15-23



Some Observations:

- This passage is about Jesus, the Son.
- There is no mention of the Son’s “personal” qualities.
- The vocabulary points to pre-eminence.
- The apostle doesn’t expound on most of these truths.
- This passage is preparation for addressing deceptive teachings and the main theme of the letter.

Jesus Christ, the Pre-Eminent One:

1. He is the image of the invisible God. v. 15 (*John 1:18*)
 2. He is the Firstborn over all creation. v. 15 (*Hebrews 1:6-12*)
 3. He created all things. v. 16 (*John 1:3*)
 4. He existed before all things. v. 17 (*John 1:1,2*)
 5. He holds all things together. v. 17 (*Hebrews 1:3*)
 6. He is the head of the body, the church. v. 18 (*Ephesians 4:15*)
 7. He is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead. v. 18 (*1 Corinthians 15:20,23*)
 8. He is to have the supremacy in everything. v.18 (*Philippians 2:9-11*)
 9. He is indwelt by God’s fullness. v.19 (*2:9*)
 10. He paid the price for our reconciliation with God. v.20-23 (*2 Corinthians 5:15-19*)
- Unbelieving Friends – This is the One you are rejecting and denying the Lordship over your life!
 - Believing Friends – This is the One you have believed in and received as your Savior and Lord!