#### THE PRE-EMINENT CHRIST: GOD'S DEAR SON

Colossians 01:12–23

God and Man: What God Has Done for Man

Colossians 01:12–14

- 1 God has given us an inheritance
- 12 Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.
- 2 God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
- 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
- 3 God has redeemed us, even forgiven our sins
- 14 In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

# God and Christ (Part 1): The Person of Christ Colossians 01:15

- 1 Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God
- 2 He is above all things
- of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

## God and Christ (Part II): Christ the Creator Colossians 01:16–17

- 1 Christ created all things
  - a. In heaven and on earth
  - b. Visible and invisible
- 2 Christ created all things for Himself
- 3 Christ is before all
- 4 Christ holds all things together
- 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.
- 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

#### God and Christ (Part III): Christ Is the Head of the Church Colossians 01:18–19

- 1 He is the head of the church
- 2 He is the beginning of the church
- 3 He was the first from the dead
- 4 He is supreme in all things
- 5 He is filled with all the fullness of God Himself
- 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.
- 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.

## God and Christ (Part IV): Christ the Reconciler of All Things Colossians 01:20–23

- 1 God has reconciled all things to Himself through Christ
  - a. The need: To make peace
  - b. The means: The cross
  - c. The result:
    All things in heaven and earth reconciled
- 2 God has reconciled those who were alienated and enemies of God
  through Christ
- 3 God had one great purpose in reconciliation:
  To present the believer perfect
- 4 God has made reconciliation conditional
  - a. Must continue in the faith
  - b. Must not be moved away from the gospel

- 20 And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
- 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour.
- 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation —
- 23 If you continue in your faith,
  established and firm,
  not moved from the hope
  held out in the gospel.
  This is the gospel that you heard
  and that has been proclaimed
  to every creature under heaven,
  and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.