

THE PRE-EMINENT CHRIST: GOD'S DEAR SON

Colossians 01: 12–23

A. 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.

B. God and Christ (Part 1): The Person of Christ

Colossians 01: 15

1 *Jesus Christ is the image
of the invisible God*

15 He is the image
of the invisible God,
the firstborn
over all creation.

2 *He is above all things*

C. 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*

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.

3 *Christ is before all*

4 *Christ holds all things together*

17 He is before all things,
and in him
all things hold together.

D. 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.