**Christ is Preeminent**

The Preeminence of Jesus Christ

Col 1:18*—And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that* ***in all things******he*** *might have the* ***preeminence****.*

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1. *He is the head of the body, the church:*

Col 1:21*—And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled* 22*—In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:*

1. *Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead;*
2. *That* ***in all things******He*** *might have the* ***preeminence****.*

**Preeminence**

Php 2:9*—Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:* Ps 138:2*—I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*

1. Christ’s preeminence is shown in revealing the Father
   1. God is knowable
      1. God the Father is made known through the knowledge and Power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Col 1:19—*For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;*

Ps 48:1—*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.* 2*—Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.* 3*—God is known in her palaces for a refuge.*

John 1:14—*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.* 18—*No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

*Mt 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

* 1. The invisible God is made visible
     1. God the Father is made visible through the knowledge and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

As God reveals you will be tested, you will start going through it

As God reveals He will perform

Now a prisoner at Rome. He was not idle in his confinement, and the word of God was not bound.

**2Tim. 2:9—***Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the* ***word*** *of God is* ***not******bound****.*

2Cor. 4:7*—But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

Phm 1:23*—There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;*

Col. 1:7*—As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;* 8*—Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.*

*Stedfastness, constancy, and perseverance.*

*Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*

*Col 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,*

*Col 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*

*Eph 3:* *7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

Col 1:9*—For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*

10*—That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

11*—Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;*

*2Pe 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

*Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*

– The Preeminence of the Bridegroom –

Song 2:1—*I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.*

Song 2:1—He is saying that He is the “*I am”* He Is the Son of God

*I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys*

The Preeminence of His Person

The Preeminence of His Beauty

The Preeminence of His Character

John 11:4—*When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.* 13:31*—Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.* 20:31*—But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.* Acts 8:37*—And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

1Cor. 1:9*—God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.* 1John 4:15*—Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.* 5:20*—And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

Pr 30:4*—Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?* John 3:34*—For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.* 35*—The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.* 36*—He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

12:28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Let us Hear, and be doers of the Word but **be** what He wants us to be.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye **be** my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am** the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, **I am** the bread which came down from heaven. 48 **I am** that bread of life. 51 **I am** the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. 21 Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. 28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

**10:7** Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, **I am the Son of God**?

It is one thing to Know of the Truth and another to believe the Truth but we must know Him, believe Him and Love Him.

1. The Preeminence of His Person
   1. The Eternal One
   2. The Covenant Keeping One
      1. Jehovah Rapha – the Lord My Physician
      2. Jehovah Shalom – The Lord My Peace
      3. Jehovah Nissi – The Lord My Banner

Ex 17:15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: {Jehovahnissi: that is, The LORD my banner }

Ps 60:4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.

Song 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Isaiah 13:2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

* + 1. Jehovah Raah – The Lord My Shepherd
    2. Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord my Righteousness
    3. Jehovah Jireh – The Lord My Provider
    4. Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is There
  1. The All Powerful One
  2. The Blessed One

Luke 1:68 ***Blessed*** *be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,* (Ex 3:16; 4:31; 1Ki 1:48) Romans 1:25—*Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.* 9:5—*Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.* 2Cor. 1:3—*Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;*  11:31—*The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.* Eph 1:3—*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:* 1Peter 1:3*—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* 4*—To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,* 5*—Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

1. The Preeminence of His Beauty
   1. The Place of the Rose
   2. The Beauty of the Rose
   3. The Value of the Rose

The beauty of knowing and believing in who He is.

Mat. 26:63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Mark 14:61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, **the Son of the Blessed**? 62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Luke 22:67 Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 70 Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am.

1. The Preeminence of His Character
   1. The Lily is White
   2. The Lily Grows in the Valley