

Colossians 1:15-20
"Christ Preeminent"

Intro: The Christian's all-sufficient Savior

-Eternal life and the forgiveness of sins: Found only in Jesus and received only through faith in Him.

-Some of our favorite chapters of Scripture: Set forth the wonders of the person and work of Jesus Christ in such a marvelous fashion.

-One great remedy for combating false teaching and heresy: Setting forth the supremacy of Jesus Christ.

*We must recognize the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ as the _____ of all things, the _____ of all things, and the _____ and _____ of His church.

-Paul's teaching in the first chapter of Colossians: Bears a striking resemblance to the teaching found in the first chapter of Hebrews.

-A crucial reminder: There would be no salvation without a divine Savior!

-*"Firstborn"* in this passage: Does not mean 'first created' and has nothing to do with time, but everything to do with dominion and supremacy.

-J.C. Ryle: "Can we wonder that the Lord Jesus in His preaching should continually draw lessons from the book of nature? When He spoke of the sheep, the fish, the ravens, the corn, the lilies, the fig tree, the vine - He spoke of things which He Himself made."

-One of the greatest proofs for the deity of Jesus Christ: Seen in the fact that the very works of God are attributed to Him.

-A crucial question for each of us to answer: 'What do you think of Jesus?'

-'He is the head of the body, the church': A statement that many churches would do well to reflect upon.

-John Newton on Jesus: "Some take Him a creature to be, a man or an angel at most; Sure these have not feelings like me, nor know themselves wretched and lost. So guilty, so helpless am I, I durst not confide in His blood; nor on His protection rely, unless I were sure He is God."

-Personal Application: