


Colossians 1:15-20


Hymn of Christ's Supremacy
Over The Powers



Jesus Sustains All Things

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

1. Before all things: John 8:58 (Yahweh)
 - Arius (there was a time when he was not)
 - Logically necessary: Law of Causality
2. Hold together: There is no such force as chance!



Jesus: Firstborn From The Dead

Colossians 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, **so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.**

- ❖ Head of the body: 1st Corinthians 12:12-27
- ❖ Beginning/firstborn = Creator/Savior
- ❖ Firstborn from the dead = Preeminent

1. Jesus the first to have a glorified body!
2. Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits

ONE DAY THE WHOLE HARVEST COMES!

The Fullness Of Deity Dwells In Jesus
Colossians 1:19 **Because** in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell. (Personal translation)
 Because: The reason for Christ's primacy given
 Fullness: 1:19, 24, 25; 2:2,3,9,10; 4:12, 17

The false teachers at Colossae taught that Christians needed "more" help than Christ could give. (Invocation of angels for protection)
 Dwell: Genesis 9:27; Psalm 2:4
 The Son is the God Who Dwells In Heaven!

Jesus Reconciled All Things
Colossians 1:20 and through Him to reconcile **all things** to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him. I say, whether things on the earth or things in heaven.

- ❖ Reconcile: apokatalasso- to bring back to harmony.
- ❖ Romans 8:22 -read
- ❖ all things: vs.16 all things created/ vs. 20 all things reconciled
- ❖ Reconciliation: Now- by faith/ Later – by force


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Blood: symbolic of Christ's substitutionary death

Propitiation

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God Centered



Expiation

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Man Centered

Day Of Atonement

Two Goats:

1. Scapegoat (Read Leviticus 16:10,21)
2. Goat for Sin Offering (Leviticus 16:15)

Read Psalm 103:12
Read 1st John 2:2

All We Need Is Jesus

Jesus stands high above the angelic realm in that He both created all things and reconciled all things that have been cursed by the effects of sin. The Colossians needed no other Savior – neither do we.
