

# The Supremacy of Christ and the All-Sufficiency of His Salvation Part 1 Colossians 1:15-23

- Christ the Supreme Sovereign – 1:15-19
- Christ the Sufficient Savior – 1:20-23

1. **John 1:14** - 14 And the \_\_\_\_\_ became \_\_\_\_\_, and dwelt among us, and we \_\_\_\_\_ His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. NASB
  
2. **Hebrews 1:3** - 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the \_\_\_\_\_ representation of His \_\_\_\_\_, NASB
  
3. It meant that as the firstborn son one had the \_\_\_\_\_ and **privilege** in the family as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the estate and first in-line of the inheritance to all that the father owned. It meant that next to the father, you were the \_\_\_\_\_ or **pre-eminent** authority figure in the household, by privilege and right, the **firstborn**.
  
4. **John 1:1-3** - 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ things came into being \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and apart from \_\_\_\_\_ nothing came into being that has come into being. NASB
  
5. This was of **unique significance** to these Colossians as part of the false teaching in Colossae included the kind of **Jewish folklore** that paid \_\_\_\_\_ and **veneration** to \_\_\_\_\_. Clearly they had an unhealthy view of the prominence and authority of angels and so Paul just immediately puts them all in their proper place by saying that \_\_\_\_\_ created them all.
  
6. **Hebrews 1:3** - 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, **and** \_\_\_\_\_ **all things by the word of His power**. NASB
  
7. He is the one to whom all glory and \_\_\_\_\_ is due because He **not only created the world** and your own very life, but He is the one who keeps the \_\_\_\_\_ in orbit and **keeps your** \_\_\_\_\_ **beating** and the molecules of your body from falling apart! **“In Him all things hold together.”**

8. Whatever false \_\_\_\_\_ or false \_\_\_\_\_ were being presented as **higher than Him**, or **necessary** in \_\_\_\_\_ to Him, Paul has thrown them down by \_\_\_\_\_ **Christ**. His superiority and sufficiency could not be challenged now having seen who Jesus really is.
9. Not only is Jesus Himself “**the beginning of all things**,” but the very **beginning** of the \_\_\_\_\_ **Creation**, having become the **firstborn** from the **dead**. He is the **first** \_\_\_\_\_ to be **resurrected** in a **glorified** and \_\_\_\_\_ **body**.
10. Paul has in Ephesians and also here in Colossians proclaimed that Jesus is not only **sovereign** in this \_\_\_\_\_ **evil age**, but also in the **age to come, the age of life and immortality in God’s New \_\_\_\_\_ in the eternal Kingdom**. And this **new age** was **inaugurated** by the **resurrection of Jesus**, the first man to \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ in an immortal body.
11. **Philippians 2:9-11** - 9 Therefore also \_\_\_\_\_ highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every \_\_\_\_\_, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should \_\_\_\_\_, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, to the glory of God the Father. NASB
12. But here He is simply saying that all of **God’s perfections** and \_\_\_\_\_ dwell within the very **person of Jesus**. And in the words of the great confessions, **the Son is of one essence with the Father**, both having the same essential \_\_\_\_\_ dwelling in its fullness in each \_\_\_\_\_ of the Trinity.
13. **First**, that the Son will be **exalted and glorified** and have “\_\_\_\_\_ **place in everything**.” **Christ is the Supreme Sovereign** over \_\_\_\_\_ things in creation.
14. And **second**, that God “**might reconcile all things to Himself**” \_\_\_\_\_ the **Person and Work of Jesus**, which Paul will explain in the verses that follow, 1:20-23. **Christ is the Sufficient Savior** who is \_\_\_\_\_ to reconcile all things unto God.
15. But suffice to say that Paul is going to lay out that **Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ Savior**, and nothing will be needed in \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ or in \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ in order for us to be fully reconciled to God.
16. This **enables us** by a powerful divine transformation to \_\_\_\_\_ **God** forever in the New Creation, **unencumbered by \_\_\_\_\_, pain, and sin and death**. It is from the \_\_\_\_\_ of this present world and all its suffering and death that the Father has delivered us, and \_\_\_\_\_ us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son.