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.