The Supremacy of Christ and the All-Sufficiency of His Salvation Part 2
Colossians 1:15-27

1. As the Bible teaches in so many places we were in our natural selves ________ of God (Rom 5:10), we are separated from the life of God (Eph 4:18), hostile to God and unable to please Him (Rom 8:5-8) being by nature objects of wrath (Eph 2:1-3). We are born into the world ________ from God (Rom 5:12-21), without hope and without God in the world (Eph 2:12) and so we have this desperate ________ to be saved from our lost and sinful condition and need to have our relationship with God restored.

2. “Without the shedding of ______,” (Heb 9:22), “there is no forgiveness” of sin. The wages of sin is ______ (Rom 6:23) and when sin is committed, someone ______ die, for this is the just penalty required by the holy righteousness of God for sin. Either ______ will die for your sin, or Christ will die for your sin, but someone must die for your sin.

3. ________ is the vehicle by which we lay hold of Christ and His salvation, and apart from faith in Him, _____ _____ will be saved. Jesus is the only way to be saved, and that happens by repenting of your sins and ________ in Christ with God-given faith.

4. Further, people remain in and abide under the ________ of God and are destined for an eternity in Hell without being reconciled through faith in ________ (John 3:36, Rom 5:9, Eph 5:6, Rev 20:11-15).

5. One must ________ upon the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved (Rom 10:9-10, Acts 17:31), being saved by God’s ________ through faith (Eph 2:8-9), having already been born again (John 3:3, Eph 2:4-6) and ________ by the grace of God (Rom 8:28, 1 Cor 1:24-30), and that because God has foreknown (1 Pet 1:1-2) and predestined you from ________ the creation of the world (Rom 8:28-30, Eph 1:4-5).

6. Christ has not only effected salvation and reconciliation for people, but also for the entire ________ order, including humanity, angels and the physical universe, which is now in bondage to ________ (Rom 8:19-22), but yet awaiting the effect of reconciliation at the ________ of “all things,” when God will create a New Heavens and Earth (Rev 21-22).

7. Also, there is a massive ________ in the angelic world that is taking place through the course of redemptive history (2 Cor 4:4, Eph 6:11-12, Rev 12:9). Even now this ________ conflict is being waged as God’s holy angels wage a serious war with Satan and the fallen angels. And this angelic conflict brings tremendous influence to humanity, and especially the ________, who struggle in this war.

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8. Ephesians 6:11-12 - Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the ______ of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the ______ forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. NASB

9. There will come a day in the course of redemptive history when Christ will overcome all the ______ in the world (1 Cor 15:22-28) and in the heavenly places, and finally put God’s enemies into outer darkness, where they will ________ be heard from again. and Satan, ________ and all the fallen angels will not be redeemed but rather destroyed in the lake of fire forever (Matt 13:40-43, Rev 20:7-15).

10. See, when examined in the ________ of the teaching of the whole Bible, Paul must mean that everything in the created order has been, by the Work of Christ, placed in its ________ place in relation to God. His ________ were properly condemned, His name vindicated, and His people ________.

11. Here is the former state of every ________ believer, they are alienated from God and hostile in their thinking against Him. Unbelievers live in this state ________ sinning against God and “engaged in evil deeds” (Rom 1:28-32).

12. Mankind is in a desperate plight and unwilling to even acknowledge God and Christ, much less ________ their lives to Him in worship and ________, or trust in Christ for salvation. But everyone who has been born again by the Holy Spirit realizes that it was from the desperate state that they were saved, and ________ submits to Christ and trusts Him for their righteousness before God.

13. The faith that God gives, is a faith that ________ until the end, no matter what we face in life. Therefore, perseverance is required in the Christian life, and according to Jesus only they who “_______ to the end shall be saved” (Matt 24:13). This of course is a doctrine taught all over the Bible (John 8:31, Rom 2:7, 11:22, Heb 3:6, 10:38-39).

14. The Word of God, does the ______ of God, in the People of God, by the ______ of God. I preach ______ the Word to all the people. Here the Apostle has summed up his ministry, which is a stewardship from God and a service to the church for her benefit.

15. It is the fact that the God no longer dwells in temples built with hands, but now a much more profound and glorious reality has been revealed, God now dwells inside our very souls as we have become the dwelling place of God forever. And not only has he done this for those Jews who will believe, but this profound reality has gone out to the entire Gentile world. Astounding!

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