

CHRIST-WHO IS HE?

Jesus spoke as one having authority-Matt 7:29

Never a man spoke like this man-John 7:46

Who is He? Not who was He?

3 times in Col. 1:15-18 Paul states who He is

HE IS DEITY-V 15

Image of God-II Cor 4:4; Express image of His substance-
Heb 1:3

Word is God-John 1:1,2,14

Claimed to be God-John 8:56-58; 10:30

Was there in the beginning-Gen 1:1,26,27; 3:22 and
before-John 17:5

Left heaven and became flesh-Phil 2:5-11

Matt 1:23-Immanuel-God with us

Col. 1:19; 2:9- In Him dwelleth the fulness of the
Godhead bodily

HE IS THE CREATOR-v17

Creator of all things- v17

4 times the word ALL is used

Things both visible and invisible-v16

Before all things-v17

By Him all things consist-v17

John 1:1-3; Heb 1:1-3

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY-V18

The church-v18-in ALL things to have preeminence-
Eph 1:22,23- Head over ALL things- Eph 5:23-Head
and Saviour

Creator and architect of church-Matt 16:18

ALL things reconciled by His cross-v20; Eph 2:13-16

Condition without Christ- V21

Alienated-estranged

Enemies-hostile

Wicked works

Reconciled through His death

Holy-separated unto God

Blameless-without spot

Irreproachable-free from charge

In Whom-v14-redemption and forgiveness through His blood

In whom-2:3-are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge

In whom-2:11-13-circumcision of the heart
and in obedience to the gospel have been forgiven ALL
trespasses

Conditional- Col 1:23 "IF"

Continue in the faith

Grounded and settled

Moved not away from the hope of the gospel

Is Christ Preeminent in ALL things in your life?

Some, He has a PLACE in their lives

Others, He has PROMINENCE in their lives, but other prominent things can come first

PREEMINENCE means those who make Him ruler of their lives

Which is true of us?