



**Calvary Chapel South Bay  
Men's Ministry 2018 – 19**

**“Putting Christ First”**

**Session 3**

**October 16, 2018**

**“Christ first in all things”**

In this week's passage we are reminded that Jesus is the **“firstborn,”** or preeminent one in all things. He is **“over all creation,”** as **“all things”** were created through and for Him, and **“all things”** are held together (**“consist”**) in Him. He is the head of the church; the means by which we are all resurrected and **“reconciled”** with the Father. Are you getting the picture? He is preeminent in **ALL** things. The question becomes, do we give Him supremacy in every part of our lives; or just some?

**Passage:** Colossians 1:15-20

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:15-16**

The word **“image”** here means exact representation, and **“firstborn”** means preeminent or first in position. One of the problems at Colosse was that some were making Jesus out to be ‘born’ from God; something between a prophet and an angel; or a little higher than an angel. What does v.15 say about Christ's position **“over all creation”**, and why does He hold that position according to v.16a?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2**

Not only were **“all things”** created **“through”** Jesus, but **“for”** Him. What does that tell you about the purpose of creation?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3**

Meditate on what the word “**consist**” means in v.17 based on what Hebrews 1:3 says. What does it mean for you in your trials and tribulations that Jesus *holds all things together* by His power?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:18**

What is Jesus to the “**body**” of Christ? What should that mean to the church as a whole? Why did the Father make Jesus the “**firstborn from the dead**”?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:19-20**

Why did the Father make it that “**all the fullness should dwell**” in Jesus Christ the Son, and how did He do that?

**Personal meditation time with Jesus:**

Is Jesus Christ the preeminent one in every part of your life, or just some parts? Do you keep some parts, or some circumstances for yourself to rule over? This week’s passage makes it clear what the answer SHOULD be. He should rule over **ALL** parts of our lives. We don’t exist or continue to exist, nor are we reborn, except by His power and His grace. We owe all to Jesus!

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal those areas of your life where you have been holding back from the Lord, and surrender those things to Him right now. Be ready to discuss in your groups how this passage has changed your perspective on what your level of commitment to Jesus should be, and why.

**Hide God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20