

“Giving Jesus First Place Due to the Preeminence of His Person”

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Colossians 1:15-19

Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah”

Do you remember who was 2nd place Mary Lou Retton? Michael Phelps?

Jesus has been called a lot of things: good teacher; moral inspiration; wacko...

POINT 1- Jesus should be first due to His preeminence in relation to the Creator

- A. Jesus should be first because He is the IMAGE of the invisible Creator.
(John 14:7-10; Heb 1:3; 2 Cor 4:4; Ex 34:8; Ps 50:21; 1 John 3:2)

Jesus is compassionate (Luke 7:13); loving (John 13:1); Angry towards sin (Matt 23); Holy (Heb 4:15; 2 Cor 5:21 Heb 7:26); Righteous (1 John 2:1); Wrathful (Is 63:1-3; Rev 19:13)

^{NKJ} **John 12:43** “for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”

Going God wants you to see Jesus as His Image and to put Him First!
Deeper

POINT 2- Jesus should be first due to His preeminence in relation to the Creation

- A. Jesus should be first because He is the CHIEF over all creation.
(Col 1:15b; Psalm 89:27; Revelation 3:14; 21:6; 22:13)
- B. Jesus should be first because He is the SOURCE and purpose of creation.
(Heb 1:2; John 1:3; 15:16; Col 2:10; Is 43:7; Rom 9:17-23; Prov 16:4)
- C. Jesus should be first because He is the SUSTAINER of creation.
(Hebrews 1:3; Acts 17:28; 1 Corinthians 8:6; John 10:28-29- your life)

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POINT 3- Jesus should be first due to His preeminence in relation to the Church

- A. Jesus should be first because He is the HEAD of the church.
(Ephesians 1:22; 4:15; 5:23; firstfruits from the dead- 1 Cor 15:20-23)
- B. Jesus should be first because He is the FULLNESS of God
(Col 2:9; 1 Peter 5:8; Are you empty? Matt 11:28-29)

Going God wants you to see Jesus as the Lord of the Church and to put Him first!
Deeper (Time, Talents, Treasure. Is He #1?)