

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

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**Colossians 1:18-19**

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

**Secret club- secrete handshakes, code word, etc.**

**Gnosticism- 1) Physical universe was evil; 2) Jesus was just one emanation of God; 3) Jesus was limited in His understanding; 4) He was insufficient in reconciling people back to God; 5) He was not really in the flesh**

**Justification-** From sinner to DECLARED RIGHTEOUS

**Adoption-** From stranger to SON OR DAUGHTER

**Redemption-** From slave to FREE PERSON

**Forgiveness-** From debtor to SPIRITUALLY RICH

**Reconciliation-** From enemy to FRIEND OF GOD

**POINT 1-** Jesus should be first due to His preeminence in relation to the work in His RECONCILIATION

- A. Jesus should be first because reconciliation has brought PEACE  
(Rom 6:23; 5:10; John 3:36; Rom 5:9; 1 Thess 1:10; 5:9)
- B. Jesus should be first because reconciliation has reversed our SINFULNES  
(Eph 2:12; Eph 2:1-3; John 3:19-20; Eph 1:4; Heb 10:14; Rom 8:33)

**Going Deeper** *God wants you to put Jesus first in your thinking!*

**POINT 2-** Jesus should be first due to His preeminence in relation to the work in His PEOPLE

- A. Jesus should be first because true believers will be steadfast in the FAITH  
(John 15:5; 1 John 2:19; James 5:11; 2 Peter 1:5-10; 2 Tim 2:15)
- B. Jesus should be first because true believers will not forsake the GOSPEL  
(Gospel is not best life now. Ask Paul- 2 Cor 11:23-28; Phil 1:29)

**Going Deeper** *God wants you put Jesus first in your actions? Are you steadfast?  
Do you get here in on time? Stay until God is finished?*