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**JESUS CHRIST IS LORD: THE PREMINENCE OF CHRIST**  
**Colossians 1:13-18**

**Why He should be preeminent. Col. 1:13-17**

- He **delivers** us from darkness and redeems us for forgiveness. Col. 1:13-14; Rom. 13:12; John 3:19; 2 Cor. 4:4; John 3:3; 1 Cor. 15:50; Rom. 14:13; Eph. 1:7; Matt. 20:28; 26:28; Heb. 9:22; Rev. 1:5
- He makes **God** visible. Col. 1:15; John 14:9; 2 Cor. 4:4; John 1:18; 1 John 4:9; Heb. 1:3
- He is the **creator** of all things. Col. 1:15-17; Eph. 1:20-21; Phil. 2:9-17; John 1:1-3; Matt. 14:32-33; 8:1-26; Mark 1:26; 5:35-43; John 11:43

**Why He is not preeminent.**

- We make ourselves **first**, not Him. Luke 9:59-61; Matt. 19:16-27
- We sometimes place others in **His** place. Luke 9:59-61
- We sometimes place our ambition, **pleasure** or possessions first. Matt. 6:21, 24; 19:21-22; 2 Tim. 4:10; 1 John 2:15-17

**How to place Him as preeminent.**

- We **love** Him more than life itself. Joshua 24:15; Matt. 6:33; 6:21, 24
- We **obey** Him first and foremost. Matt. 6:33; 6:21, 24; 2 Cor. 5:14; John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10
- We are willing to **submit** to His will. Matt. 26:36-46; John 17:4; 4:34; 5:30; 6:38