



Who's At The Top Of Your Ticket?

Col. 1:15-18

CHRIST

PREEMINENT IN ALL THINGS (Colossians 1:15-18)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.



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- Jesus is the “representation” and “manifestation” of God
- No one has seen God, but the Son made Him known (John 1:18)
- *“He who has seen Me has seen the Father”* (John 14:9)

the firstborn of all creation.

- *firstborn* – **preeminent** [HELPS Word-studies]
 - The first to experience glorification (Rev. 1:5)
 - The first among others (who follow) (Rom. 8:29)
- *“He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation”*
(NLT)



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PREEMINENT IN ALL THINGS (Colossians 1:16-17)

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible

- He is over everything because He created everything, everywhere

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities

- He reigns over all authorities, spiritual or physical
- He rules over emperors, presidents, governors...
- His rule transcends political parties and platforms and candidates...

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PREEMINENT IN ALL THINGS (Colossians 1:18)

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- God placed the preeminent One over His preeminent kingdom
- *8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. (Eph. 3:8-10)*
- God's wisdom is demonstrated through His church
- The church is God's masterpiece, His signature work of wisdom



CHRIST

PREEMINENT IN ALL THINGS (Ephesians 1:20-23)

20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.



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18 ... and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

- Preeminent in resurrection
- Preeminent in **everything**
- **Is Christ preeminent in your things?**
 - Thoughts
 - Conversations
 - Social media
 - Associations



CHRIST

PREEMINENT IN ALL THINGS (Colossians 1:15-18)

- **Is your primary allegiance to Christ?**
 - Or have you become devoted to a politician or candidate?
 - What would your “friends” say?
- **Is your most important affiliation with His church?**
 - Or have you become more identified with a political party or cause?
 - Are you more “like-minded” with your brethren or your political allies?
 - Are you “sharing” political positions or the gospel?
- **Is Christ really preeminent to you?**





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RECONCILIATION OF ALL THINGS (Colossians 1:20)

*20 and through Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, having made **peace** through the blood of His cross*

- *reconcile* - bring back to a former state of harmony
- God offers **peace** through His Son's death on the cross
- Have you accepted God's grace through obedient faith (Rom. 5:1)



