

**Colossians 1:15-17 - The Explicit, Clearest Passage in All Scripture on Who Jesus Is. MH**

1. Why is the doctrine of who Jesus Christ is (Christology) so important?
2. The image of the invisible God means what? (image is "eikon", icon).
3. What does the first-born of all creation mean? (firstborn is the Greek word "Prototokos")
4. In Him all things were created means what?
5. And For Him refers to what?
6. What's it mean to say He is before **all** things?
7. In Him all things hold together means what?
8. What does preeminence mean and how do we practice it?



## Colossians 1:18-23

1. The previous section focused on the "Lord of Creation." This section focuses on Christ as Lord over what?
2. What does "first born from the dead" mean (v. 18)?
3. The emphasis on Christ's nature and rule in this section is for what purpose (18)?
4. Fullness (pleroma) in v. 19 refers to what and why does Paul emphasize this?
5. Explain the meaning of "all" in v. 20. Context always matters!
6. Also in v. 20 what does "peace" mean here? How is this peace achieved and to whom or what is it given?
7. In v. 21 what was our previous condition?
8. In v. 22 what is the meaning of reconciliation and how is it achieved and for what purpose? What is meant by "fleshly body" or "body of His flesh" in this verse?
9. What does Paul mean by "if you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast" in v. 23? What is the doctrine of the "perseverance of the saints?"