

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?"

9. What are the 2 great enemies that need to be destroyed in vs. 14-15? What is the "certificate of debt" and what are the "decrees" against us?
10. How were we rid of the certificate of debt?
11. What was the final word of Christ on the cross (tetelestai derived from teleos) – John 19:30) and how is it relevant to this passage?