

The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians 1:17

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1.) He is before all things

*"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."
Micah 5:2*

A.) He is Pre-existent- Before All Things

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1*

B.) He is Preeminent- Has Rank Over All Things

2.) In Him all things hold together

The Doctrine of Providence- God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful, preserving, and governing all his creatures, and all their actions. So the world is created by Him and He in providence upholds it and keeps it.

How is the World Being Held Together By Him?

A.) By His Power

*"And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power"
Hebrews 1:3*

B.) By His Preservation

C.) By His Wisdom

D.) By His Governance

E.) By His Supply

Our Application:

1.) Give Thanks and Praise

A.) For the Eternal and Powerful Creator

Acts 17:28, "In Him *we live and move and exist...*"

B.) For the Kindness He Displays to His Creatures

C.) Because We Know the Destroying Power of Sin

D.) Because He is Preserving for Himself a People

"and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world"

1 John 2:2

2.) Remember His ascension over all things is not only for the church, but for the Christian

3.) Recognize the Foundation of Your Stability

A.) He Sustains Us in the Circumstances of Life

B.) He Sustains Us in the Circumstances of Death

"neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

"You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever."

Psalms 16:11

4.) Pray

A.) Prayer is Fellowship With The One Who is in Control

"Nevertheless I am continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. 24 With Your counsel You will guide me, And afterward receive me to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:23-26

B.) How Should We Pray in Unstable Times? Unburden Your Heart