**Above All**

**The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians**

**“That in Everything He Might Be Preeminent - Part 1”**

**Colossians 1: 15-17**

**The Bible wants for us to truly see Jesus, and for Him to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in every part of our lives.**

**God intends for the glory of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (who He is, what He is like, and what He has done) to be the truth that keeps us going in our wonderings, comforts us in our sufferings, and exposes and disarms the deception being peddled to us.**

**The word for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in v 15 is the Greek “[εἰκὼν](https://www.esv.org/search/?q=%CE%B5%CE%B9%CC%93%CE%BA%CF%89%CC%80%CE%BD&source=thgnt&forms=no" \t "_blank)”. It translates to “an image”; “representation”; and sometimes the word was used Greek literature to mean “picture”.**

**Jesus as the image of God means that He is the visible representation of all that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is.**

**Jesus was not created, rather He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The word in v16 translated “first born” (*prōtotokos*) also means: “first in rank or honor”; “supreme or priority in order”; and “primary in status”. That’s what Jesus is- He is first, above all things, preeminent, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Before the Earth and the Heavens - while it was void and formless - Jesus was there and He was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jesus is not an idle spectator. He is not far-off and unengaged in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives.**

**Nothing exists - nothing continues to exist - without the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hand of Jesus.**

**Colossian 1: 17 means that God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an absent God and Jesus is not a withdrawn Savior.**

**Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it all together (Jesus holds me together) even when it feels like it is not together.**

**Though we may not see it or understand all of it, God is moving, working, guiding, and leading all things for the believer’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The teaching of Colossians - the teaching of the Bible - is that the Lord Jesus governs and sustains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things. He is good. He is gracious. He is merciful. He is sovereign.**

**Blanks:** *first; Jesus; image; God; creator; primary; creating; our; sustaining; not; holds;* good & glory; all