

“The Supremacy of Christ”

Colossians 1:15-23

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Introduction:

- **Colossians 1:15-23**
 - **Acts 8:30-31**
 - Christianpost.com ... polled Christians on August 22, 2021
 - 60% said Jesus is NOT the only way to be saved.
 - 30% said Jesus didn't live a sinless life
 - Barna ... Polled Christians to see if they knew the Great Commission on August 25, 2021
 - 17% said they knew what it was.
 - 51% said they had never heard of it.
 - 25% had heard of it, but didn't know what it was.
 - **Luke 21:17**
 - **Matthew 12:30**
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1. Who are we Talking About?

a. Colossians 1:15-20

b. But if Jesus stands against something, why would they NOT stand against it?

c. Colossians 1:15-20 – Paul breaks down who Jesus is:

i. He is God – **Genesis 1-2; John 1:1-5;**

- 1. Three specific names given to the Messiah to show He was God – Son of Man, Son of God, and the Christ – All three show Divinity.**
- 2. John 8:58 – Jesus said He was the Son of Man**
- 3. Matthew 26:63-64 – Jesus said He was the Christ, the Son of God.**
- 4. Did Jesus ever do what ONLY God could do? ... Luke 8:45 ... Luke 8:49-56 ... John 11 ... Matthew 8 ... Matthew 14 ... Mark 6 ... Mark 8 ... John 10:18**

ii. He holds all things together – **Genesis 1:3**

- 1. By the POWER of His Word all things take place – John 18:4-6**

iii. He is the ONLY way to Salvation – **John 3:16 ... John 14:6**

iv. He is the Risen Savior – **Revelation 1:17-18 ... Matthew 16:13-18**

2. Why do I need to be Reconciled?

a. Colossians 1:21

b. Matthew 12:30

c. Isaiah 61:10

d. Acts 2:36-38

e. Acts 2:41

f. This question of “Why do I need to be reconciled?” applies to the LOST and the CHURCH. What do I mean by that?

i. The Lost –

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3. How do I stay Reconciled?
- a. **Colossians 1:22-23**
 - b. Two things to keep in mind:
 - i. Continue in the faith, established and firm –
 - 1. Greek – Hedraious ... English – Firm ... “Firm ... Steadfast ... Unwavering in your position.”
 - ii. We do NOT move from the HOPE held out in the Gospel –
 - 1. Greek – Apologia ... English – Answer ... “Defense”
 - c. **Matthew 16:18**
 - d. **Colossians 1:18**
 - e. Who do you say Jesus is?
 - i. to slavery or bondage. (**Leviticus 25:47-49**)

