

Jesus Christ: Pre-eminent in Salvation
Colossians 1:13-23

Christian Salvation and Maturity Are in Christ, and in Christ Alone - Col 1:18

- Everything Christian is derived from Him - Col 3:4,11

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

The Personal Revealer of God - Col 1:15; Jo 1:18; 14:9; Heb 1:1-3

- Image/"icon" - the representation and manifestation of God to us - Col 2:9
...He is our infallible word and inerrant interpreter of God - Jo 1:18

The Personal Premise of the Universe - Col 1:16-18

- The Source and the Guide and the Goal of all creation - Ro 11:36
...He is "before all things": the pre-existence of Christ - Jo 1:1-4
- The Source and the Guide and the Goal of the church - Col 1:17
...He is "the head": the unifying and controlling power

The Personal Pleasure of God - Col 1:19

- The totality of Deity is in Him - Col 2:9
...To pursue less than Him is to pursue God-empty pursuits
- Whatever is in Christ is pleasing to God - Eph 1:5

The Personal Deliverer of Man - Col 1:13-14, 20-22

- Jesus is fully God and fully man - Jo 1:14
...Fully able to reconcile God and man - Col 1:20,22
- The Creator of the universe comes in person to re-create creation - II Co 5:17

WHERE IS JESUS CHRIST?

- On the throne of heaven - Heb 12:2; Col 3:1
- On the throne of the believer's heart - Jo 1:12-13; Col 1:27; 3:4; II Co 13:5

WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME?

- We Are Complete - Col 2:10
...a full and perfect Savior makes us fully and perfectly saved
- We Are Able to Abide in and Abandon to Christ for Every Need
...to give Him the pre-eminence in our salvation lives is to see ourselves as
Christ-created, Christ-delivered, Christ-indwelt, Christ-supplied, Christ-referenced selves - Col 3:4,17