

JESUS CHRIST: PRE-EMINENT IN OUR PROCLAMATION  
(Colossians 1:28-29; 3:17)

When Jesus Christ Is Not Our Focus, "Christianity" Devolves into a Super  
(Self-Consciousness) - Col 2:20-23

- We are to proclaim the Person of Jesus Christ - He is our pre-eminent subject - Col 1:28-29

HE IS THE FULL AND PERFECT REVELATION OF GOD - Col 1:15,19; 2:9

- He is the Uncreated Creator - Col 1:16-17  
...the seat of all power and truth
- He is the Revealer of the unseen - Col 1:15; Jo 1:1-14  
...the self-disclosure of God - Jo 1:17-18
- The Savior of the world - Col 1:13-14; 2:13; Jo 3:16  
...the message of God for us coming to give Himself to us

HE IS OUR RELATIONSHIP TO EVERYTHING - Col 1:27, 3:4

- Ultimate Truth is a Person - Jo 14:6; Heb 13:8  
...He is our point of reference - Col 3:17
- All the routes to Christian maturity run through Him - Col 1:28; 2:3  
...We have a corresponding supply of His Life for every directive - Col 2:9-10

HE IS HIS OWN EVANGELIST - Jo 12:32

- We are His witnesses - Lk 24:48; Acts 1:8  
...He is the convincer - Jo 16:8-11
- To be a Christian witness is to live a life, not keep a law  
...We evidence that He is the difference-maker
- To be a Christian witness is to be unique, not alike - Col 3:17  
...We proclaim Him with our words and with our deeds  
...We proclaim Him not out of duty but out of delight