8. Verses 15-19 describe the ______ of Christ and verses 20-23 describe the ______ of Christ.

9. The first claim that Paul makes for Christ is that He is the what?

10. The word "image" is "eikon" from which we get our word "icon," which means what?

- 11. Jesus Christ is the only perfect representation of whom?
- 12. What do we know about Jesus from John 1:1 and 14?
- 13. What does the phrase, "Only begotten" mean?
- 14. To the Jews, the term "Son of God" meant what?
- 15. In John 5, Jesus claimed to be whom?
- 16. According to John 14:8-9, God displayed His glory in the what?
- 17. The title, "first-born" is a reference to what?

18. The Colossian believers understood that Paul was saying what about Jesus Christ?

19. Jesus is not the first creation or the apex of creation. He is the what?

20. According to Colossians 1:16, Jesus as the Creator, includes what world?

21. Why was verse 16 a blow to the cult hassling the Colossian Church?

22. What two modern day cults does Jesus contradict in what is said about Him here in Colossians 1:16?

- 23. Jesus Christ is the goal of what?
- 24. Jesus Christ's power does what with creation?
- 25. The concept of "Head" in verses 18-19 emphasizes what?
- 26. Jesus "calls the shots" in the church by what?

27. "First born from the dead" doesn't mean that Jesus was the first person ever resurrected, but He is the what?

- 28. The concept of Head also emphasizes sharing the what?
- 29. To thrive the church must function on what?
- 30. What's the purpose of all of this?
- 31. Verse 19 claims what for Jesus Christ?
- 32. The cult taught that all matter was evil so God couldn't do what?
- 33. This teaching is very similar to what cult today?
- 34. Why does Paul make such a big deal out of all of this?
- 35. The subject of verses 20-23 is what?

36. Is Paul teaching universalism in verse 20 with the use of "all things?"

37. The cross affects all of what?

38. The Colossian believers are illustrations of the power of Jesus to do what?

39. Hostility toward God in the mind reveals itself by what?

40. Can anything be added to our reconciliation?

41. How did Jesus reconcile us?

42. Our positional standing before God, if we are in Christ, is that we are what?

43. Verse 23 is not a condition or threat, but the words just indicate what?

44. What is the test of reality?

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Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

> » How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? » How can I accomplish this change? » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Read Colossians 1:1-2:2

2) Evaluate your attitude towards ministering to other people this week. Do you have a desire to serve others? Do you think only of yourself or are you other-centered in how you live life?

3) What are some practical applications to your life in Colossians 1:24-2:2, when it comes to your ministering to others?

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THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST Colossians 1:15-23 (Series #3)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on "The Supremacy of Jesus Christ." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What section of Colossians could be said to be the heart and soul of the letter?

2. The person of Christ and the work of Christ are the foundation of what?

3. The Greek element to the cult attacking the church at Colossae was attacking what?

4. What was the Jewish element of the cult attacking?

5. The interesting thing about this cult was that it did not deny Jesus, but it did do what?

6. In a twist of irony, what cult actually uses Colossians 1:15-23 to try to disprove the Deity of Jesus Christ?

7. To emphasize something in the Greek language one would:

a. Invert or ______ the word order to emphasize a thought.

b. _______ such a word.c. Put a ______ on a word to intensify its meaning.

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