



## The Preeminence of Jesus Christ

By Ken Terry on April 11, 2024

**TODAY'S READING:** Colossians 1

Our reading focuses on the church in Colossae. Its founder, a believer name Epaphras, had heard Paul's preaching in Ephesus. Then he went home to Colossae to share the gospel message of Jesus Christ. He started the church there and after a few years there was a element of heresy—false teachings identified as Gnosticism. *Gnosticism* is the belief that God is good, but matter is evil and Jesus Christ was merely one of a series of emanations descending and being less than God.

Brother Epaphras was so concerned about this heresy he made the long journey from Colossae to Rome, where Paul was a prisoner at the time. In the fashion of Paul's writing, he praises God for the church in Colossae; *"We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel"* (Colossians 1:3-5, NKJV).

Paul then prays in all hope, with thanksgiving for the church. He grouped them all together and isolated none. *"...do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins"* (Colossians 1:9-14, NKJV).

This is priestly prayer. Paul complimented their receiving of the knowledge of Jesus, and prayed for their growth and power stemming from their understanding of God. He prayed for their spiritual enlightenment and redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ as the foundation of their faith. Then Paul lowers the hammer about who Jesus is; *"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist... For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross"* (Colossians 1:15-17,19-20, NKJV ).

In our modern day, this would be the time when we drop the mic! All that needed to be said was said. There should not have been any further need for discussion, for if there

was a need, it would be from a faith perspective. How about you, my friends? Is there any doubt in your mind that Jesus was God in the flesh? Do you disbelieve that the Word became flesh and dwelt among mankind? (see John 1:14) Do you disbelieve the deity of Jesus, Him being with God in Eternity? (see John 1:1-3) Another passage that expressly states His divinity is Hebrews 1:1-3, NKJV: *"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."*

We will always have those who do not believe or try to pervert the truth, but there will also be true followers of Christ who help us keep the main thing, the plain thing, Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Let us be those who speak this truth in love.

**PRAYER:** Our Father in the heavens, we thank You for Jesus Christ. We thank You, Father, for stepping out of heaven and revealing Your awesome love and power through the God/man Jesus. We thank You, Father, for Your Word and Your Church. Thank You for guiding and directing us by Your Holy Spirit in all things Jesus. We thank You for all these wonderful things in the precious name of Christ Jesus our Lord, amen.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** John 17

*Copyright © 2024 First Baptist Church, Fort Mill, SC, All rights reserved.*

[Visit our website](#)

First Baptist Church | (803)547-2051 | 121 Monroe White St., Fort Mill, SC 29715 | [fbcfm.com](http://fbcfm.com)

First Baptist Church Fort Mill | 121 Monroe White St., Fort Mill, SC 29715

[Unsubscribe nfinch@fbcfm.com](mailto:nfinch@fbcfm.com)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [fbc@firstbaptistchurchfortmill.ccsend.com](mailto:fbc@firstbaptistchurchfortmill.ccsend.com) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!