

PREEMINENCE OF JESUS

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I. Definition of Preeminence

Oxford Dictionary - The fact of surpassing all others; superiority.

The word **preeminence** is the Greek word “**proteuo**”, which means “to have first place.”

Strong's Concordance

I. Definition of Preeminence

"The Preeminence of Jesus Christ."

Jesus Christ is superior to and preeminent over everyone and everything.

Colossians 1:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have **first place in everything.**

I. Definition of Preeminence

Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the **supremacy**.

Colossians 1:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the **preeminence**.

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Colossians 1:16-20

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, / say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

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II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

A. He is the Creator.

John 1:3

³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Hebrews 1:2

² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

1. Men rejected Him.

Romans 1:20

²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

B. Jesus has preeminence over creation because He is before all things.

1. He already existed.

John 1:1-2

¹ **In the beginning was the Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**.

² **He was in the beginning with God.**

1 John 1:1

¹ **What was from the beginning**, what we have **heard**, what we have **seen with our eyes**, what we have **looked at** and **touched with our hands**, concerning the **Word of Life**—

II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

B. Jesus has preeminence over creation because He is before all things.

2. He told the Jews **“Before Abraham was born I am”**

John 8:58

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”**

II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

B. Jesus has preeminence over creation because He is before all things.

3. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and last.

Revelation 1:8

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 22:13

¹³ "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

C. Jesus has preeminence over creation in that in Him all things are held together.

2 Peter 3:10

¹⁰ But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief, in which **the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed** with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

C. Jesus has preeminence over creation in that in Him all things are held together.

Hebrews 1:3

³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and **upholds all things by the word of His power.** When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

III. Jesus Christ in relation to the unseen world.

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—**all things have been created through Him and for Him.**

III. Jesus Christ in relation to the unseen world.

1. His throne is forever and ever.

Hebrews 1:6-8

⁶ And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

⁷ And of the angels He says, "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

⁸ But of the Son *He says*, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM."

III. Jesus Christ in relation to the unseen world.

2. Jesus is exalted.

Ephesians 1:21

²¹ **far above all** rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

III. Jesus Christ in relation to the unseen world.

3. Every one should praise and bow down before Him.

Philippians 2:8-11

⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹ For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

III. Jesus Christ in relation to the unseen world.

4. Jesus sits at the right hand of God.

1 Peter 3:21-22

²¹ Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of **Jesus Christ**,

²² **who is at the right hand of God**, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

IV. Jesus Christ in relation to the Church.

A. Jesus Christ is the head of the Church.

Colossians 1:18

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

IV. Jesus Christ in relation to the Church.

B. Jesus Christ is the source of the Church.

1. He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:3-4

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,
⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

IV. Jesus Christ in relation to the Church.

B. Jesus Christ is the source of the Church.

2. His sacrificial death and resurrection on our behalf provided Christians a **NEW LIFE**.

3. As the Head of the Body, Jesus holds the chief position or highest rank in the Church.

IV. Jesus Christ in relation to the Church.

C. Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead.

Colossians 1:18

¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

IV. Jesus Christ in relation to the Church.

D. Jesus Christ is the Pre-Eminent One.

Colossians 1:18

¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that **He Himself will come to have first place in everything.**

V. Summary

I. Definition of preeminence

Jesus Christ is:

- a. Lord
- b. Superior
- c. The only One to listen to and obey

Philippians 2:11

¹¹ and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

V. Summary

II. Jesus Christ in relation to the universe

Jesus Christ is:

- a. The Creator of all things
- b. The Source for all things
- c. The Sustainer of all things

V. Summary

III. Jesus Christ in relation to the unseen world.

- a. Sits at the right hand of God
- b. Every one should praise Him and bow down
- c. His throne is forever and ever
- d. Jesus is exalted.

V. Summary

IV. Jesus Christ in relation to the Church

a. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church

b. Jesus Christ deserves all of our attention, our obedience, our worship, our fear, our love and our praise.