

**March 5, 2014**  
**“Is Jesus Lord?”**  
**Colossians 1: 1-20**

- 1) **The Context of the Epistle (1-2)**
  - a. **Author “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God’s will, and Timothy our brother:” (1)**
  - b. **Recipients “To the saints in Christ at Colossae, who are faithful brothers.” (2a)**
  - c. **Theme “Grace to you and peace from God our Father.” (2b)**
  
- 2) **The Nature of Lordship “faith” (4a), “love” (4b), “hope” (5), and “bearing fruit” (5)**
  
- 3) **Steps to Making Jesus Lord**
  - a. **Understand Fully (9)**
  - b. **Walk the Walk (10)**
  - c. **Live in His Strength “endurance and patience with joy” (11)**
  - d. **Give Thanks (12)**
  - e. **Approach all Challenges as one who is Redeemed and Forgiven (14)**
  
- 4) **Jesus is Lord**
  - a. **Over Creation (15-17)**
  - b. **Over the Church (18-19)**
  - c. **Over Everything (20)**

**Col 1:1-20** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother: (2) To the saints in Christ at Colossae, *who are* faithful brothers. Grace to you and peace from God our Father. (3) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, (4) for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints (5) because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this *hope* in the message of truth, the gospel (6) that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over

the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and recognized God's grace in the truth. (7) You learned this from Epaphras, our dearly loved fellow slave. He is a faithful servant of the Messiah on your behalf, (8) and he has told us about your love in the Spirit. (9) For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, (10) so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *to Him*, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. (11) May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy (12) giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. (13) He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves. (14) We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, in Him. (15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (16) For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the 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 by Him all things hold together. (18) He is also the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. (19) For God was pleased *to have* all His fullness dwell in Him, (20) and through Him to reconcile everything to Himself by making peace through the blood of His cross-- whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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