

Truth about Jesus Christ – Part 4 (Colossians 1:17-18)

The Person of Christ

5. He is _____ all things ⇒ He _____ prior to all things
 - Priority in _____ – not a created being (Jn. 17:5)
 - Present tense (Jn. 8:58) – *I _____* (Gk. *ego eimi*) = Heb. _____
6. In Him, all things _____ (Gk. *sunistemi*)
 - The Lord who made it, _____ it (Heb. 1:3)
 - The _____ *force* keeping the atomic nucleus together
7. He is the Head of the body, the _____ (Eph. 1:23; 1 Cor. 12)
 - Church – Gk. *ekklesia* = _____ ones
 - Christ's body = He carries out His _____ through them
 - Christ the Head = He is the _____, direction, and _____
8. He is the _____, the first-born from the _____
 - First to rise in a _____ body, never to _____ again
 - Source of _____ & life of His church (Rom. 1:4; Acts 2:24)

Take-Away

1. Jesus is the _____ of the universe – from beginning to *end*
 - Rev. 21:1 – _____ of the universe as we know it (2 Pet. 3:10)
 - 2 Pet. 3:11-13 – is this what I am _____ for?
How can I be ready? (v. 9)
 - Only in Jesus, who holds all things _____ can I have...
Pardon / _____ / _____ / _____
2. *Is Christ the _____ of this church?*
 - If the Holy Spirit “left,” would there be any _____?
3. Jesus is the first-born of a new _____ creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
 - Old things _____ with Christ / New life-power by being _____ with Christ (Rom. 6)

Application: 1) commit to living *today* _____

2) Rom. 6:13 – yield my members to be used by the _____

Discussion Questions: Colossians 1:17-18

1. What are some ways that the truth that *Jesus sustains the universe... every moment...until the end* might affect your prayer life?
2. What does it mean in practical terms for Christ to be the Head of a local body of believers? For example, what does it mean that He:

Is the authority?

Provides the direction?

Provides the power?
3. What is the significance of Jesus being *the first-born from the dead*:
 - a) To an unbeliever?
 - b) To a believer?
4. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?