

# Colossians

New Sermon Series

**His Supremacy And Sufficiency**

The greatest distance walked by a person while continuously balancing a full pint milk bottle on his head is 24 miles, set by Ashrita Furman of Jamaica, N.Y., July 10, 1983.



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**Ashrita Furman  
Has had as many  
as 600 Guinness  
World Book  
Records.  
Currently holds  
200 records.**



Most knives caught  
one minute — 54

Distance Underwater  
Unicycle — 1.3 M



Fastest Mile Walking  
On Shovels — 24Min  
25Sec

Today we will approach one of the greatest **“Christological”** segments in the entire Bible. Paul, inspired by Holy Spirit, explains exactly Who Jesus is, what He has done, and what He continues to do as our risen Saviour.

In a place where religious pluralism and syncretism is encouraged ... (Truth being diluted for the sake of unity)...

Paul asserts the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ.

Jesus is Lord! Therefore He is fully able to qualify us as saints.

Primarily written to confront rising heresies (false teachings) of the day.

Combative in tone and abrupt in style.

Confronts four basic heresies:

1. Gnosticism
2. Legalism
3. Mysticism
4. Asceticism

Instead of attacking false teachers  
Paul exalts Christ.

By using their own language and  
terminology he confronts the false  
origins for their teachings.



# Colossians 1:12

*“...always thanking the Father. He has **enabled** (Qualified) you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.”*

**Qualified Hikanoo**:—to make sufficient, render fit, to equip one with adequate power to perform duties of one

How is Jesus qualified to complete such a thorough redemptive work?

Because of Jesus Preeminance (**Proteuo**) He is able to, in the one act of shedding His blood, reconcile and restore all things to Himself.

**He has Supremacy and Sufficiency!!!**

# 1. He's Perfectly God

## Colossians 1:15

*“He is the image of the invisible God,...”*

**John 14:9** *“Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father!”*

**Hebrews 1:3** *“...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person”*

# F.F. Bruce

“It is because man bears the image of his Creator that it was possible for the Son of man to become incarnate as man and in his humanity to display the glory of the invisible God.”

## 2. He Is Absolutely First

### Colossians 1:15-16

*“...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.”*

Priority of position and not origin.

Rights of the Firstborn.

A. **Person** Of Creation *“By”*

B. **Power** Of Creation *“Though”*

C. **Praise** Of Creation *“For”*

# 3. He Is Eternal

## Colossians 1:17

*“And He is before all things,…”*

## Revelation 1:8

*“‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”*

# 4. He Is The Dynamic Sustainer

Colossians 1:17

*“...and in Him all things consist.”*

Hebrews 1:3

*“...and upholding all things by the word of His power,...”*

Science admits that there is something that keeps it all from spinning out of control.



**Louis Pasteur:**

**“A little science estranges man from God, but much science leads them back to Him.”**

# 5. He's The Churches Priority

## Colossians 1:18

*“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.”*

He's Reigning In His Church

He's The Redemption Of Church

# 6. He's Qualified to Redeem

## Colossians 1:19-20

*“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.”*

**Ephesians 1:7** *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”*

**Hebrews. 9:22** *“... and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”*

**Hebrews 9:7** “...not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins...”

**Hebrews 9:12** “...but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

# 7. He Gloriously Reconciles

## Colossians 1:21-22

*“And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight...”*

# 8. His Gospel Establishes Us

## Colossians 1:23

*“...if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.”*

In the Greek, the “if” indicates an assumption of truth. Paul assumes that the Colossians will continue in the faith. This is not an “if” of the future; it is an “if” of the past. The word can be translated “since.”

“Since indeed you continue in the faith.”



The condition in Colossians 1:23 is the first class condition. The writer is assuming this condition to be reality, to be true.

He's not continuing in order to be reconciled.

He's continuing because he's been reconciled already.

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**HE IS MIGHTY TO SAVE!!!**

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