



**Series:** Colossians

**Passage** Colossians 1:13-17

**Title** Established – In the Preeminence of Jesus

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## Discussion Starter

When you reflect back on the different stages of your life, how would you have answered the question “who is Jesus to you” at each of these time periods? How does the answer to this question impact our lives today?

## The Preeminence of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:13-16)

- What does preeminence mean and what does this have to do with Jesus’ Identity?
- In the early church, the identity of Jesus was paramount. Since the beginning of the church his identity was under attack. Which three groups formed this attack and what was their approach?
- How is Jesus’ identity attacked today, and what is current tactic?
- Describe what the power of darkness is that we need to be delivered from in verse 13. How does this happen and what is the benefit of being delivered?
- What is the importance of Jesus being the image of the invisible God? What is the meaning of Jesus being the “firstborn over all creation? Read 1 Peter 1:20. What additional insights are gained from this verse?
- Read Colossians 1:16. What is the extent and magnitude of the things that are created by Jesus? What is the purpose of the things that He has created?
- How would you describe the invisible things Jesus created: thrones, dominions, principalities and powers? How do they impact our lives today?
- Why is it important to separate Jesus’s identity from His creation? Read Colossians 2:9-10 and John 1:1-5, 12-14. What do these verses reveal about the true identity of Jesus and what is the purpose in this revealed identity?

## Jesus the Sustainer of All Things (Colossians 1:17)

- What is the significance of the word “ALL” that is used throughout this chapter? How does Jesus sustain all things from the vastness of the cosmos to a tiny atom? Read Hebrews 1:1-4. Discuss what insights these verses give us on this subject?
- If Jesus is the sustainer of all life, then none of us are independent from Him. If we believe this what impact should this knowledge have on our lives?
- Read Romans 9:21-24. Why did Jesus create vessels of honor and vessels of wrath? How do they both serve Him? What do we see revealed in the vessels of honor as compared to the vessels of wrath?