

Jesus the Preeminent One

Jesus is Preeminent in All Things!

1. He is the exact representation of God.
2. All things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, were made by Him and for Him.
3. He precedes creation and holds all things together.
4. He rightly inherits all creation.
5. Fullness dwells in Him.
6. He will gather everything into Himself.
7. He will fill all things.

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Implications:

1. Everything we know about God must conform to the revelation of Jesus Christ.
 - a. Where scripture is clear there is no option for speculation.
2. We can claim no rights, yet have been given tremendous gifts and freedom.
 - a. He has every right to demand, but only loves.
 - b. freedom & responsibility: choice, rewards, consequences
(Rev 21:7) ⁷“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.
3. Science reveals Him because it's His design. (Isaac Newton)
 - a. Bible scientifically accurate (Isa 40:22, Job 26:7)
 - b. grand unification theory, Higgs field, force carriers, God particle
 - c. Deism - What if God quit paying attention?
4. Submit or be subdued. Every knee will bow. (Isa 45:23/Rom 4:11, Phil 2:8-10)
 - a. Psalm 2 describes the worlds response to this truth.
5. Completion is found only in Him. (Col 2:9-10)
 - a. You can never be fully you apart from Him.
6. There will be only 2 places; in the light or outer darkness. (Mt 8:12, 22:13, 25:30)
7. He is an amazing gift!
 - a. Because of the cross, we can enter into Him and receive His fullness now!

(Col 1:15-20) ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰and 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. (Heb 1:2-3) ²has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, (Ep 1:9-10) ⁹having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

(Col 2:9-10) ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

(Ac 17:25, 28) ²⁵“Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ...²⁸“for in Him we live and move and have our being,

(Ep 1:22-23) ²²And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

(Rev 4:11) ¹¹“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

(Ep 4:10) ¹⁰He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

(Jn 1:3) ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

(Ro 11:36) ³⁶For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

(1Co 8:6) ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

(Phl 3:21) ²¹who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.