

The preeminence – those words are emblazoned in my memory. They reminded me, Sunday after Sunday, morning and evening during my formative years. They are captured on the wall behind us in our wedding photographs reminding us the supremacy of Christ over all that we are and for whom we live. They turned my attention to Jesus, the One “*by whom and for whom all things were created.*” Today, we continue to focus on Him “who is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead...”

“...that in all things He might have the preeminence.”

When we know Him as...

- ***The head of the body, the church***

- ***The beginning***

- ***The firstborn from the dead***

We respond to His preeminence

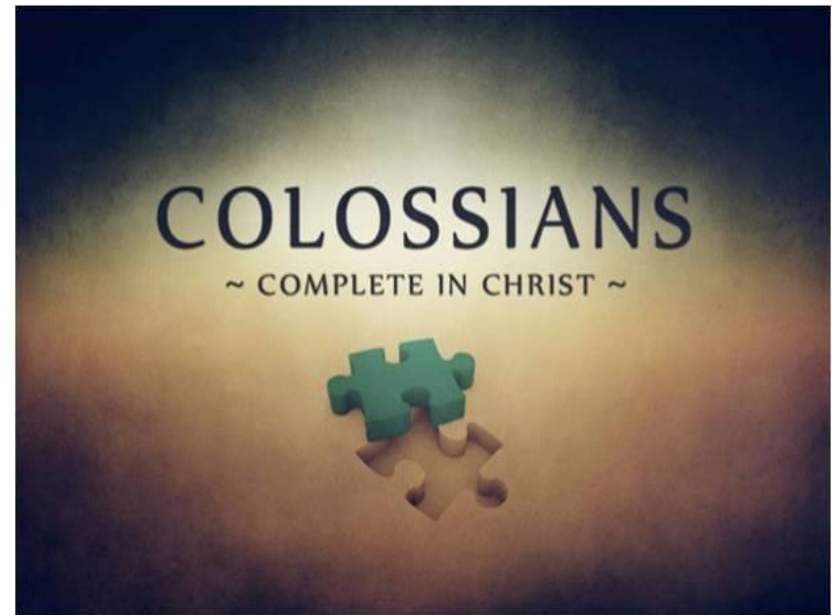
Personal Application and Interaction

1. Synonyms for preeminence include superior, supremacy, peerlessness, magnificence, excellence, eminence, and greatness. For whom might you use such terms to speak of someone with a specific field of expertise?

2. How has your grasp of Christ as *“the head of the body, the church,”* affected the way you have engaged with our expanded ministry since El Calvario joined us just one year ago?

3. In which of the following areas have you been yielding the preeminence of Christ:

Thoughts – choices – marriage – family – profession – job – personal security – mission – conversations – meditations – pleasures – health – wealth – foods – play – sports – leisure – music – art – home – clothes/dress – worship – other...?



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Colossians 1:18-19

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