

Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone of the Universe

Colossians 1:15-20

Grace Church Pastor Ed Searce Series: How Firm a Foundation

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Point #4 of Grace Church doctrinal statement:

We believe that in our Lord Jesus Christ dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily. He is constantly and simultaneously God with all His divine attributes and Man with all his human attributes except sin. His deity and humanity are inseparably united forever. He was eternally pre-existent but voluntarily took upon Himself sinless human flesh and nature, being conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:8; Luke 19:10; Philippians 2:4-11; Micah 5:2; Hebrews 2:17; Matthew 1:16; Luke 1:26-35; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; I John 4:2-3.

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ was incarnated to reveal God to man and redeem us from our sin and death. This redemption was accomplished through His death on the cross as our representative. His literal and physical resurrection out of death secures life everlasting for the redeemed. His resurrection body is a pattern of that body which will ultimately be given to all the redeemed. He is now exalted at the right hand of God, where as our High Priest, He intercedes and advocates for us. At God's designated time in the future Jesus will return to set up the Eternal Kingdom, judge the living and the dead and usher in the eternal state.

John 14:8-11; Hebrews 1:13; Luke 19:10; Revelation 5:9; Galatians 3:13; John 1:29; Romans 3:25-26; II Corinthians 5:14-15; Hebrews 10:5-14; I Peter 3:18; I Peter 1: 3-4; John 20:19-29; I Corinthians 15:20-23; Acts 1:9-10, Hebrews 9:24; Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34; I John 2:1-2.

Key Thought: Christ is the _____.

I. Christ is _____.

A. Christ is the _____ and _____. v. 15

B. Christ _____ before _____. vv.15, 17

First born denotes two things:

- 1). _____
- 2). _____

II. Christ is _____.

A. All _____ v. 16
By Him = _____

B. All _____ v. 16
For Him = _____

C. All things are _____ v. 17
In Him = _____.

III. Christ is _____.

A. Christ is the _____. v. 18

B. Christ _____. v. 18b

C. Christ _____. v. 20

Making it Personal

“...that in everything he might **be preeminent** (supreme).” Col 1:18b

- First-place in _____
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