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2. There are others who are made in the likeness of God. Who are they? (James 3:9) \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 1:15 states that Christ is *the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature*. God's Person and character are found and seen in the Christ, the Son of God. He is the beginning of all things, and though He is the Creator, along with God the Father, and the precious Holy Spirit, He is the Lord of all creation, and embodies the fullness of deity (that He is God), as head of the body, the Church, and He reconciles His people to God by bridging the gap that separated us when sin entered the picture.

Christ is the first resurrected to never die again, the first born among many brethren that in all things He might have the pre-eminence (power over it) (Colossians 1:16-18; Romans 8:29; see also Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 1:5; Firstfruits - I Corinthians 15:23; First and Last - Revelation 22:13).

## FIRST STUDY

### SOVEREIGNTY OF CHRIST IN THE CHURCH PAUL'S GREETING TO THE COLOSSIANS (Colossians 1:1,2)

1. Who does Paul include in his greeting to the Colossians? (Colossians 1:1) \_\_\_\_\_
2. What does Paul call the Colossians in Colossians 1:2? \_\_\_\_\_

### GIVING OF THANKS (Colossians 1:3-8)

1. In Paul's giving of thanks *to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ* for the Colossian Christians, in Colossians 1:4-8: can you name 6 confidences Paul has in them?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_

### PAUL'S INTERCESSION FOR THE COLOSSIANS (Colossians 1:9-14)

1. List the 12 points of Paul's intercessory prayer for the Colossian believers. (Colossians 1:9-11)

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_

- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) \_\_\_\_\_
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_
- (8) \_\_\_\_\_
- (9) \_\_\_\_\_
- (10) \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) \_\_\_\_\_
- (12) \_\_\_\_\_

2. (a) Are the above prayers still needed for the saints in our modern day? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Name (if any) the categories mentioned in the 12 points above of which you feel you are the weakest. \_\_\_\_\_

THE TWOFOLD WORK OF GOD (Colossians 1:12,13)

*Father, which hath made us meet.* Colossians 1:12. Paul breaks out in thanks to the Father who has *made us meet* or qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints. This refers to every provision and every promise of all believers who are delivered from the power of darkness and transferred *into the kingdom of His dear Son* (Colossians 1:13).

CHRIST'S REDEMPITIVE WORK (Colossians 1:14, 20; 2:11-17; Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:14-22; Hebrews 1:1-12:5; I John 5)

1. Memorize Colossians 1:14:

*In whom (Christ) we have redemption through His blood; even the forgiveness of sins.*

CHRIST'S BODILY FEATURES AND PRE-EMINENCE (Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:1-4; James 3:9)

God has spoken at many times throughout the Old Testament *unto the fathers by the prophets* (Hebrews 1:1) in which He gave revelation to Israel through prophecies, dreams and visions; and now *in these last days* He has *spoken unto us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds* (Hebrews 1:2).

1. In the next 2 verses of Hebrews 1 (v.3,4), we have a vivid description of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and what He did. See how many you can