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First Place

Colossians 1:18

“...so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.”

Spiritual Inventory

- “Does Jesus have first place?”
- “...in everything?”

Letter to Colossians

- Confronting error: “minimizing Jesus”
- Revealing truth: “maximizing Jesus”

More than a theological issue –

it’s a relational issue

More than scholarship –

it invokes Lordship

Supremacy of Jesus

- He is First
- He holds all things together

Falling apart “chaos” vs. Taken apart “complete”

Prominent or Pre-eminent

What does it really mean for Jesus to be pre-eminent and first in your life?

- I see You as my God. “I will obey You.”
- I see You as my Source. “I will depend on You.”
- I see You as my Shield. “I will trust You.”
- I see You as my Guide. “I will follow You.”

First place and God’s grace!