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**New Message Series:** The Supremacy of Jesus Christ

## 1. Why Paul Wrote Colossians

Colossians 1:15-20

**The Apostle Paul:** wrote both Galatians and Colossians to correct serious false teaching of syncretism and the danger of returning to false former beliefs.

**The Huge Danger:** our churches often dilute who Jesus is in trying to understand and reach people who de-value Jesus Christ. They claim not to deny Christ—but they de throne Him and try to ignore His TOTAL Supremacy.

Colossians 1:1, 2, 5-17

Colossians 2:20-23

## 2. Who Christ Is: Is All Important

Colossians 2:9, 10 (ESV) & (NIV)

**Five Great Truths:**

1) “In Christ all the fullness of Deity lives in bodily form...”

**Notice:** “The Greek word for “Deity” (theotetos) - appears only here in N.T. It does not mean divinity. Divinity is an attribute of God but Deity in the essence of God - the unique nature of God.” ~Constable

⇒ Beware the Danger of “Scientism”, a blind faith in “settled science”

2) In relation to Creation - Christ is The Originator and Sustainer of all.

Colossians 1:15-17

3) In relation to Redemption - Christ was the Victor over sin, death, and the grave.

Colossians 1:18

4) In relation to Reconciliation - Christ is the peacemaker.

Colossians 1:19, 20

5) In Christ - God makes all true Christ-followers complete.

Colossians 2:10

**Amazing Reality:** True Christ Followers - “no longer grovel among the world’s garbage heaps: God makes us full in Christ.”

⇒ We are His trophies of God’s Loving Forgiving Grace!