



**Ephesians 1:15-23, 4:1-6; Colossians 1:15-18**

## Ephesians 1:19-23 (NKJV)

19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in in the heavenly places, 21 far **above all** principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put **all things** under His feet, and gave Him to be head over **all things** to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills **all in all**.



## **Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)**

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you **to walk worthy** of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.**



## Colossians 1:15-18 (NKJV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.





# Jesus: Above All

## 1. Does Christ have Prominence in my life or Preeminence?

### 1 Chronicles 29:11

<sup>11</sup>Yours, O Lord, *is* the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*; Yours *is* the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all.





# Jesus: Above All

## 1. Does Christ have Prominence in my life or Preeminence?

### **PROMINENCE**

keeping Christ on the outer edge of my life;

### **PREEMINENCE**

means center stage, the focal point of my life.

The image shows a serene landscape at sunset. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the center of the sky, its light reflecting on the calm water below. In the background, a range of mountains is silhouetted against the twilight sky. The water in the foreground is still, creating a clear reflection of the sun and the distant land. Overlaid on the image are two text elements: 'Above All' in a large, white, sans-serif font at the top, and 'prominent' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font at the bottom. A thin, light-colored arc frames the word 'Preeminence' in a yellow, cursive font, which is positioned between the two main text elements.

Above All

Preeminence


prominent

## Isaiah 48:10-11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup>Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. <sup>11</sup>For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do *it*; For how should *My name* be profaned? And I will not give My glory to another.







**Prominence suggests, “one among many.”  
Preeminence, however, conveys the truth  
that there is no one else.**

The background is an abstract composition of large, overlapping, wavy shapes in shades of purple, blue, green, and yellow. Faint, ethereal figures of people are visible within these shapes, suggesting a sense of movement and life. The overall effect is vibrant and dynamic.

**It's the difference between wanting Jesus  
to be a part of your life and being your life.**

“The Christian life is not a "self-improvement" program in which I "add Jesus" to my life in order to become a better... more successful person. When Christ saves someone, He does not grant that person a fresh start...He gives that person a new life--His life!

This current age is perilous not because of...threats of terrorism, ungodly lawmakers, pro-active judges, insecure economy, conflicts among nations, or even the activity of Satan. No, the real problem is that Christ is being subtly moved from His

proper place of preeminence to that of prominence. We...include Christ in our lives and even give Him a part in the ministry, programs, and messages of the Church--but is He preeminent?"



**One dictionary defines preeminence as being eminent above others; superior; surpassing.**





# Compartmentalize our life







**Center Stage**



**Abundant Life**





### 3. What does preeminence require of me?

**“What does the Lord require of thee but to act justly,  
to love mercy and walk humbly with your God.”**

## Micah 6:8



# Jesus: Above All

**ASK**

**3. What does preeminence require of me?**

**a) An Upward focus, Look Up!**

Colossians 3:2

<sup>2</sup>Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.



# Jesus: Above All

## ASK

### 3. What does preeminence require of me?

#### a) An Upward focus, Look Up!

Psalm 121:1-2

I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From whence comes my help? <sup>2</sup>  
My help *comes* from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.



# Jesus: Above All

**ASK**

**3. What does preeminence require of me?**

**a) An Upward focus, Look Up!**

Colossians 4:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*





# Jesus: Above All

**ASK**

**3. What does preeminence require of me?**

**b) An Upward focus, Leave Behind!**

Colossians 3:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

# Jesus: Above All

**ASK**

**3. What does preeminence require of me?**

**b) An Upward focus, Let Go!**

Colossians 3:5-10 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: ...put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth...put off the old man with his deeds...<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new *man*





# Jesus: Above All

**ASK**

**3. What does preeminence require of me?**

**b) An Upward focus, Live for Jesus!**

Colossians 4:6 (MSG)

<sup>6</sup> Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.

# God's Image BEARERS

**Genesis 1:26a (NKJV)**

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image,  
according to Our likeness;





BOTTOM LINE

**Let His Image Glow!**