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Topic: **Christ Above All**

Scripture Text: Colossians 1: 15-19

1. The Lord Jesus Christ must be all in all to a believer (Col 3:11b). We embrace Christ as everything in our lives. The reason is because Christ is above all and supreme over all.
2. The heresy of Gnosticism was prevalent in the Colossian Church which claimed to have secret knowledge in them and salvation must be through them. The heresy also taught the worship of angels. Hence, Paul has to refute this false doctrine by stating only Christ is above all.
3. The first reason why the Lord Jesus Christ is above all is that He is the image of the invisible God (v.15a). Man is made in the image of God but Jesus Christ is God and in His life, one will see and know God.
4. The second reason why the Lord Jesus Christ is above all is that He is the Creator, Sustainer and Provider of all things (v.15b-17). Jesus the power to create all things and He created out of nothing. Everything in this universe, whether we can see or cannot see, whether earthly realm or spiritual realm, is all created by Jesus Christ. It is important to know that the world is created for Jesus Christ that He will be glorified and praised.
5. The third reason why the Lord Jesus Christ is above all is that He is the Head of the Church which is His Body (v.18). In Christ, all the divine fullness dwell. Hence, the Church must be Christ-centred and Christ-exalting in every aspect in doctrine, ministry, fellowship etc.