

Colossians: Fighting Heresy and Preserving Purity
(Part 4) The Adequacy of Christ

_____ people see themselves as a cut above everyone else

Common people, _____ understanding, and _____ pleasures are below them

Paul is addressing a situation in Colossae where the religious elite are not satisfied with the simplicity of the _____

(Colossians 1:15-23) Christianity is not a philosophy generated nor regulated by _____ expectations

(v.15) Jesus is the _____ manifestation of God

To see what God is like we need only look at Jesus

He is the *eikon* or perfect _____ of God (Gen.1:26)

He is the *logos* or word/reason of God (John 1:1)

Jesus existed before anything was _____

He is not a created being like _____ or humans

Jesus is supreme or firstborn/_____ over all creation

He is the favored one of God

Firstborn is a title of honor for the _____ (Psalm 89:27)

Apparently false teachers believed Jesus was not _____, but one of many imperfect emanations of God

(v.16-17) Jesus is the _____ of creation

Everything visible and invisible created by and for him

He is the ultimate _____ of all creation

Everything has been created to _____ him

Jesus existed before all of creation and he _____ what he has created

Apparently, someone was teaching that if Jesus was God and God is good, Jesus could not be the creator because creation is _____

So, Jesus must be an abstract but perceptible _____ originated from God at some time, but is far removed, and hostile from the perfection and _____ of God if he is creator

(v.18) Christ is the source of the _____ of the church

He is the source of _____ and the _____ of eternal life

He is the beginning everything including the church (Rev. 1:8, 22:13)

Without his preeminence the church is _____ (Rev.3:1-6)

He is first/supreme over everything

He defeated death, hell, and the grave and lives forever ((Rev. 1:12-18)