

The Exaltation and Preeminence of Christ ***Colossians 1:15-20***

Contend for the Faith...

Jude 3, 4 ...I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the ^[a]saints

Colossians 1:9...we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Colossians 2:8 ...See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, ^[a]rather than according to Christ.

Colossians 2:18 ...Let no one keep ^[a]defrauding you of your prize by delighting in ^[b]self-abasement and the worship of the angels, ^[c]taking his stand on visions he has seen, ^[d]inflated without cause by his fleshly mind.

Acts 20:27-29 ... For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you ^[a]overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He ^[b]purchased ^[c]with His own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

John 10:1-18 ...

Christ is the perfect resemblance and representation of God.

The Preeminence of Christ

1. Imagine of the invisible God. (see 1 Tim. 1:17)
2. Firstborn of all creation.
3. For by Him all things were created.
4. The head of the body, the church.
5. Firstborn from the dead.
6. The fullness of God.
7. The Reconciler of all things.

No comparable listing of so many characteristics of Christ and His Deity are found in any other Scripture passage.

Christ is the supreme Sovereign of the universe!