First Place in Everything

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INTRODUCTION

- How clearly I see Jesus will determine how closely I follow him. We need to follow him closely, and thus we need to see him clearly.
- The issue is not, is he supreme? Because he possesses supremacy. The issue is whether we acknowledge his supremacy.
- They didn't just turn to a plan or system of salvation. They turned to the Lord.

1 How Big Is Your View of Jesus?

Colossians 1:13–19; John 1:3; 2 Timothy 2:19

- He delivered us from that. And transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.
- He is the image of the invisible God. He came to earth and displayed Godhood in human form.
- That means of all that has been created, Jesus has the preeminence.
- He created everything. He existed before everything. Everything was created through him and for him. And he is currently holding all things together. Jesus is supreme.
- He is also head of the body, the church. And he is the beginning. The firstborn from the dead. So that he himself might come to have first place in everything.
- Jesus is head of the church when we submit to his rule as the king. That's when we are his people.

2 He Has to Have First Place in Everything

Colossians 3:1–4; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 3:16–17

- Is Jesus the answer for you? If so, then he has to have first place in everything.
- He's not just a part of my life. He is my life.
- When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.
- We must not compartmentalize our faith.
- What that leads to is inconsistency in our discipleship.
- We're pitiful saviors. And we're temporary to boot. But he's eternal. He's the creator of all, and he's above all.

THE CHALLENGE

Has he come to have first place in everything in your life?

MY NOTES