

The Supremacy of Christ and the All-Sufficiency of His Salvation Part 2 Colossians 1:15-27

1. As the Bible teaches in so many places we were in our natural selves _____ of **God** (Rom 5:10), we are **separated** from the **life** of God (Eph 4:18), **hostile to God** and **unable to please** Him (Rom 8:5-8) being by nature **objects of wrath** (Eph 2:1-3). We are born into the world _____ from **God** (Rom 5:12-21), without hope and without God in the world (Eph 2:12) and so we have this desperate _____ to be saved from our lost and sinful condition and need to have our relationship with God restored.
2. **“Without the shedding of _____,”** (Heb 9:22), **“there is no forgiveness”** of sin. The wages of sin is _____ (Rom 6:23) and when sin is committed, someone _____ die, for this is the just penalty required by the **holy righteousness** of **God** for **sin**. Either _____ will die for your sin, or Christ will die for your sin, but someone must die for your sin.
3. _____ is the vehicle by which we lay hold of Christ and His salvation, and apart from faith in Him, _____ will be saved. **Jesus is the only way to be saved**, and that happens by repenting of your sins and _____ in Christ with God-given faith.
4. Further, people remain in and abide under the _____ of God and are destined for an eternity in Hell without being reconciled through faith in _____ (John 3:36, Rom 5:9, Eph 5:6, Rev 20:11-15).
5. One must _____ upon the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved (Rom 10:9-10, Acts 17:31), being saved by God’s _____ through faith (Eph 2:8-9), having already been born again (John 3:3, Eph 2:4-6) and _____ by the grace of God (Rom 8:28, 1 Cor 1:24-30), and that because God has foreknown (1 Pet 1:1-2) and predestined you from _____ the creation of the world (Rom 8:28-30, Eph 1:4-5).
6. Christ has not only effected salvation and reconciliation for people, but also for the entire _____ **order**, including **humanity**, **angels** and the **physical universe**, which is now in **bondage to** _____ (Rom 8:19-22), but yet awaiting the effect of reconciliation at the _____ of **“all things,”** when God will create a **New Heavens and Earth** (Rev 21-22).
7. Also, there is a **massive** _____ in the **angelic world** that is taking place through the **course of redemptive history** (2 Cor 4:4, Eph 6:11-12, Rev 12:9). Even now this _____ **conflict** is being waged as God’s holy angels wage a serious war with Satan and the fallen angels. And this angelic conflict brings tremendous influence to humanity, and especially the _____, who struggle in this war.

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8. **Ephesians 6:11-12** - Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the _____ of the devil. **12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the _____ forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.** NASB
9. There will come a day in the course of redemptive history when Christ will **overcome all the _____** in the world (1 Cor 15:22-28) and in the heavenly places, and finally put God's enemies into outer darkness, where they will _____ be heard from again and **Satan, _____** and all the **fallen angels** will not be redeemed but rather **destroyed** in the lake of fire forever (Matt 13:40-43, Rev 20:7-15).
10. See, when examined in the _____ of the teaching of the whole Bible, Paul must mean that everything in the created order has been, by the Work of Christ, placed in its _____ **place in relation to God.** His _____ were properly condemned, His name vindicated, and His people _____.
11. Here is the former state of every _____ believer, they are **alienated** from God and **hostile** in their thinking **against Him.** Unbelievers live in this state _____ **sinning** against God and "**engaged in evil deeds**" (Rom 1:28-32).
12. Mankind is in a desperate plight and unwilling to even acknowledge God and Christ, much less _____ **their lives** to Him in worship and _____, or **trust** in **Christ** for **salvation.** But everyone who has been **born again** by the Holy Spirit realizes that it was from the **desperate state** that they were saved, and _____ submits to Christ and trusts Him for their righteousness before God.
13. The faith that God gives, is a faith that _____ until the end, no matter what we face in life. Therefore, **perseverance** is required in the Christian life, and according to Jesus only they who "**_____ to the end shall be saved**" (Matt 24:13). This of course is a doctrine taught all over the Bible (John 8:31, Rom 2:7, 11:22, Heb 3:6, 10:38-39).
14. The **Word** of God, does the _____ of God, in the **People** of God, by the _____ of God. I preach _____ the Word to all the people. Here the Apostle has summed up his ministry, which is a **stewardship** from **God** and a **service** to the **church** for her benefit.
15. It is the fact that the God no longer **dwells in temples built with hands,** but now a much more profound and glorious reality has been revealed, God now **dwells inside our very souls** as we have become the dwelling place of God forever. And not only has he done this for those **Jews** who will **believe,** but this profound reality has gone out to the entire **Gentile world.** Astounding!

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