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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FOR BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED

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SCRIPTURE READING: **COLOSSIANS 1:15-18**

Colossians 1:16, For by him were all things created, *that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the September 2, 2018 Morning Message for the Background.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. In studying the **Book of Revelation**, we come across some interesting things that God had to say to the Seven Churches. **Revelation 1:20,** *The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.*
- b. We have indicated that these Seven Churches are representatives of where we are living today.
- c. We have also indicated that three of these Churches are history; the Church of Ephesus, Smyrna, and Pergamos, but there are four that are still running their course.

- d. When we look at the Church of Thyatira, the Church of Sardis, the Church of Philadelphia and the Church of Laodicea, we find there was only one of the aforementioned churches that Jesus Christ had no words of condemnation. This scene reflects the glorified Christ as He judges the churches.
- e. It must perk our interest to find out why there was no condemnation of this particular church.
- f. The Church of Philadelphia anchored and stood firm on three things; the Preserved Word of God, justification by faith and the Deity of Christ.
- g. As indicated extensively, several Sunday's ago, justification by faith is just like we have never sinned. *God is in the business of giving righteousness for our belief. **Matthew 19:24-26**, And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **25**: When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? **26**: But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*
- h. The Bible tells us very plainly that righteousness only comes by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. ***Romans 3:22**, Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*
- i. Using both Abraham and David to illustrate this point, we found out that Abraham lived 400 years before the law and David lived under the law, but neither was justified by works; they were justified by faith. ***Ephesians 2:8-9**, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9**: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*
- j. Today it is fitting for us to look at the Deity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as we identify certain trademarks that are only peculiar to Him.
- k. This makes Him superior to every person who has ever walked the face of the earth.
- l. We must understand that the Lord Jesus Christ did not lay

aside His Deity when He came to earth. But He did lay aside His glory with the Father. **John 17:5**, *And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.*

- m. He was 100% human and He was 100% Divine.
- n. A very interesting fact is that He never used His humanity and His Deity at the same time.
- o. He indicated that He could call 12 legions of angels, but He did not. He went to the cross and died alone for our sins. **Matthew 26:53**, *Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*
- p. There are few people in the world who understand and know who Jesus Christ really is.
- q. During the course of this message we want to attempt to identify at least **ten trademarks** of the Lord Jesus Christ in His Deity as to who He really is.
- r. We will listen very closely and will find out that He is the only one who is able to save. **Hebrews 7:25**, *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.* **John 14:6**, *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* **Acts 4:12**, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*
- s. With that introduction let's see what we can glean from God's Holy and precious Word today as it reveals who Christ Jesus really is.

3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. Who is the image of the invisible God.

1. **Colossians 1:15**, *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:*
2. Only God can describe who *the image is of the invisible*

God. Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God; therefore this is our **first trademark** of who He really is.

3. No man, on the face of the earth is able to that. The only authorized picture of the Glorified Christ is contained in the sixty-six books of the Preserved Word of God.
4. God instructed Israel to not make graven image. **Exodus 20:4**, *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:*
5. We are not to take photographs or paint pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ and say this is the way He looks.
6. None of us know what He looked like. Only God can explain to us who the image of the invisible God is. We must remember that the clouds are the dust of the Lord's feet. **Nahum 1:3**, *The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.*
7. The invisible God is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.
8. He is the mediator between God and man. **1 Timothy 2:5**, *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*
9. The Bible instructs us in **John 1:1**, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
10. There was no beginning without the Word of God. **John 1:14** identifies Him as the Word. *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*
11. The image of the invisible God is shown to us by God when Jesus said in **John 14:9**, *Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and*

how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

12. How is it that we see the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ? Because He was sent here to reveal God to us. **John 10:30**, *I and my Father are one.* **John 14:9**, *Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?*
13. **The next trademark** is He is *the firstborn of every creature*.
14. This shows His relationship to God the Father.
15. We believe in no uncertain terms that there is a Trinity. **1 John 5:7**, *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*
16. *the firstborn of every creature*. – Do not take this that Jesus Christ was a created being. **John 1:3**, *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* **Isaiah 43:7**, *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*
17. **He is the firstborn of all creation**. That simply means that He is **before** all creation. He goes back as far in eternity past as our finite minds can go and Jesus Christ will meet us there.
18. There are several places in Scripture where the Lord is called the firstborn. In this verse He is *the firstborn of every creature*. In **Colossians 1:18**, He is called the firstborn from the dead. *And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.* And He is called the only begotten Son in **John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
19. We are to refute the theory that Christ is a created being.

The Bible says in **Psalms 2:7**, *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.* How can He be a created being when the Word of God clearly tells us that He created all things? **Colossians 1:16**, *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

20. **Acts 13:32-33**, *And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, **33:** God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*
21. Jesus Christ is the second person in the Trinity known as the Son of God.
22. Jesus was the firstborn of all creation. This is not referring to His birth in Bethlehem. **Psalms 89:27**, *Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.* This speaks of His position.
23. **Hebrews 1:3**, *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;* This is the Lord Jesus Christ; He is the second person of the Trinity.
24. Notice what God the Father says about Him in **Hebrews 1:7-8**, *And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. **8:** But unto the Son he saith, **Thy throne, O God,** is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.* This is talking about none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. **This Scripture confirms emphatically that the Father refers to Jesus as God.**
25. As His birth was announced in **Luke 1:35** the angel said,

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

26. He is the Son of God; He was before everything and by Him were all things created. This becomes plain to us in the next verse.
27. **Matthew 16:16**, *And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

b. For by him were all things created.

1. **Colossians 1:16**, *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*
2. **The third trademark** of the Lord Jesus Christ is *by him were all things created*. If all things were created by Him that certainly clears the fact that He is not a created being; He is the Creator of it all.
3. *that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*
4. Ephesians tells us that our enemy is spiritual. **Ephesians 6:12**, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
5. **The fourth trademark** that we want to view is that not only were things created by Him but all things were created for Him to include everything on the face of the earth. *"all things were created by him, and for him:"*
6. He owns it all. He owns the stars in the sky, the moon and the sun.

7. He owns you and I. Man was created to bring glory to God. **Isaiah 43:7**, *Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*
8. Remember that man walked with God in the cool of the day in the Garden of Eden? Man was created to have fellowship with God. **Genesis 3:8**, *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*
9. We live in a tabernacle down here and that tabernacle is the home of the Holy Spirit. **2 Corinthians 5:1**, *For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.* **1 Corinthians 6:19**, *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*
10. We know that one of these days we will put off this tabernacle and we will be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:8**, *We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.* **2 Timothy 1:12**, *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*
11. I attended a funeral sometime ago where there was a man who sang a song about a leak in this building; speaking of the tabernacle in which we are housed.
12. The bottom line is: **Colossians 1:16**, *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him,*

and for him:

c. And he is before all things.

1. **Colossians 1:17**, And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
2. **The fifth trademark** we want to look at is *he is before all things*, - The Bible tells us that in Him dwells the Godhead bodily. **Colossians 2:9**, *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*
3. The Bible also tells us that we are complete in Him. **Colossians 2:10**, *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*
4. **The sixth trademark** of the Lord Jesus Christ is *by Him all things consist*.
5. This means that it is in fact the Lord Jesus Christ who holds all things together.
6. This is the main reason why man need not have any fear. **1 John 4:18**, *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*
7. Certainly, when there are hurricanes, tornadoes and floods we need to take precautions but we must remember that He is the one who calms the storm. **Mark 4:39**, *And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*
8. **Hebrews 1:3** provides a precious truth. *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*
9. What a wonderful and glorious truth about our Saviour! Do you know Him? If you do not know Him as personal Saviour, today needs to be your day of salvation. **2 Corinthians 6:2**, *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in*

the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

d. And he is the head of the body, the church.

1. **Colossians 1:18**, *And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.*
2. **The seventh trademark** is the head of body of the church, which was hidden in the Old Testament from the Prophets.
3. It was a mystery but it was revealed later on by Simeon. **Acts 15:14**, *Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.*
4. **Ephesians 1:22**, *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*
5. There is great emphasis in the **Book of Colossians** concerning the head.
6. **Ephesians** tells us that the church is the body of Christ going through the world today.
7. **Philippians** gives us some instruction about the church walking through the world; the experience of the believer.
8. **The eighth trademark** is *the firstborn from the dead*; - He is only one today who has a glorified body is the Lord Jesus Christ.
9. Jesus was the firstfruits of them that slept. **1 Corinthians 15:20**, *But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*
10. The church will be the next to be resurrected and then the Old Testament saints. All are part of the first resurrection. **Revelation 20:6**, *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*
11. The Bible tells us that there will be a resurrection in **1 Corinthians 15:42**, *So also is the resurrection of the dead.*

*It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: **1 Corinthians 15:44**, It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*

12. **1 John 3:2**, *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*
13. **The ninth trademark** of the Lord Jesus Christ is *that in all things he might have the preeminence*. – This means something that must prevail in God's universe of outstanding distinction.
14. Even in spite of all the rebellion on the earth; He does in fact have the preeminence. **Psalms 2:6**, *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*
15. One of these days Jesus Christ will sit on the throne of David, put down all rebellion, bind Satan for a thousand years and you and I will be able to see Him rule and reign in righteousness. **Revelation 20:2**, *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*
16. **Proverbs 29:2**, *When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.*
17. **The tenth trademark** is contained in the next verse.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour my friend?
- b. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord of your life, today needs to be your salvation.
- c. **These ten trademarks of the Deity of the Lord are essential in a day where men and women are denying such Deity.**
- d. He is all in all.
- e. He was not a created being. If He was He would not be able to save. He is in fact our judge. We will either bow to Him in this

life or in the life to come.

- f. **Revelation 22:17**, *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*
- g. **Romans 3:23**, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
- h. **Romans 3:10**, *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*
- i. **Romans 10:9-10**, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
- j. Let's reflect on some verses on eternal security. The Bible plainly teaches that once you are saved and born again, you are saved forever! **1 Peter 1:4**, *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, John 10:27-29*, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29: My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 2 Timothy 1:12*, *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Romans 8:38-39*, *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 John 5:13*, *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*
- k. Would you please stand?

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