"Jesus: The Lord, Worthy of Worship and Allegiance" Colossians 1:1 January 31, 2021

Studies in Colossians- "The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus"

Who is Jesus? Who do you say He is? (Matt 16:13-17)

The Lord, Worthy of Worship and Allegiance because He is:

Mystery of God- 2:2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, ³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1:15-20 He is the **image** of the invisible God, the **firstborn** of all creation. ¹⁶ For **by him** all things were **created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- **all things were created through him and for him.**

¹⁷ And he is **before all things**, and **in him all things hold together**.

¹⁸ And he is the **head of the body, the church**. He is the **beginning**, the **firstborn** from the dead, that in **everything** he might be **preeminent**. ¹⁹ For in him all the **fullness of God** was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making **peace** by the blood of his cross. **2:9** For in him the whole **fullness of deity dwells bodily**,

Redeemer- 2:14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Reconciler and loving Bridegroom- 1:22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

Nourisher- 2:19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Resurrected One- 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Glorious Victor- 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

3:4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Lord over Household Relationships- 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Master- 4:1 Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. (We are called slaves- 4:12)

Therefore:

2:6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, (Luke 6:46)

3:15-17 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And **be thankful**. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, **singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts** to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything in the name of the Lord** Jesus, **giving thanks** to God the Father through him.

²⁸ **Him we proclaim, warning everyone** and **teaching everyone** with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this **I toil, struggling** with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Homework- Meditate on Revelation 5:1-14 this week. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples