

CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT

Studies in Colossians

Colossians 1

OUR NEED

- Meaning In Life
- Personal Identity
- Personal Significance
- Acceptance
- Release from Our Sins

JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS

- King Over an Eternal Kingdom (1:13)
 - A kingdom “not of this world” (John 18:36)
- Savior from Our Sins (1:14)
 - Redemption – purchase of freedom
 - Forgiveness – release from the guilt of sin

JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS

- Image of the Invisible God (1:15)
 - Prophesied by Isaiah (Isa. 9:6)
 - Jesus made God manifest (John 1:18)
 - “The Word became flesh” (John 1:14)
 - “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (John 14:9)
 - “The Image of God” (2Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3)

JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS

- Firstborn Over All Creation (1:15b)
 - First in position or rank (as the firstborn)
 - Israel referred to as “My firstborn” (Ex. 4:22)
 - David, the youngest of eight, was called “My firstborn” (Psa. 89:20, 27)
- Creator of All Things (1:16)
 - All things were made through Christ (John 1:3; Heb. 1:2)

JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS

- Sustainer of All Things (1:17b)
 - Creation is held together and preserved by Christ (Heb. 1:3)
- Head of the Church (1:18)
 - The church is the body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23)
 - He gave Himself for the church (Eph. 5:25)

JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS

- The Firstborn from the Dead (1:18)
 - The first raised eternally
 - Our guarantee (1Cor. 15:20)
 - The source of our resurrection (1Cor. 15:22)
- Reconciler of All Things (1:20)
 - Fulfilling our greatest need (Isa. 59:2)

