

Clements vale Conference 2009
Sunday Morning Bible Reading

Colossians 1:14-28

Key verse in the Epistle c 3:11 Christ is ALL and in ALL.

The “**KEY**” to understanding is in **verse 9** of the “Knowledge of His Will,” that the verse here unfold that will - It is the Will of God that His Son be pre-eminent in every sphere. This is not about God’s will for my life, what I should do etc. It is all about His will for Christ. Knowing that puts everything else into place.

The Power of Christ v 14

Redemption, to buy, release, free, emancipate, ransom etc.,
Forgiveness to possess

Preeminence of Christ in vv 15-23

Relationships vv 15-18

To Creation - Firstborn (as Firstborn, title of rank or superiority)
Consider where firstborn is found in the Scriptures.

The Church - Head, Beginning, Firstborn - thus Christ has the same glory in the New Creation that He had in the old.
As Head - organic and life giving; headship can be administrative (as husband to wife) or organic
Beginning - source, cause,
Firstborn - His priority and preeminence

Reconciliation vv 19-23

I think the expression - v 19 all fullness dwell in Him” has more a ref to all divine purposes, the fullness of God’s purposes.
V 20 reconciliation of things - by His blood
v 21-23 Reconciliation of men - in His body thru death ...

Purpose of Paul’s Labor vv 24-29

vv 24-25 The Ministry which He Carried
he filled up the sufferings of Christ - what Israel would have heaped on Him for the teaching of the One Body - Jew and Gentile together
he fulfilled the Scripture - in the sense of finality of truth re the Body

vv 26-27 The Mystery which He Taught

vv 28-29 The Motive which Compelled Him
Every man

v 29 The Methods He Employed