



Who or What is First in Your life?

Colossians 1:18

Big Idea: Jesus wants to have pre-eminence in YOUR life!

1. Pre-eminence means to give Jesus **first place**. [Phil. 3:10]
2. Pre-eminence means to give Jesus first place **all the time**. [Phil. 3:13b – 14]
3. Pre-eminence means to give Jesus first place, all the time **in everything**. [Matt. 19:29]

Big Question: Does Jesus have a right to ask you to give Him first place, all the time, in everything?

Big Answer: Yes, He does! And here is WHY.

- **Argument one: YES**, because He already has pre-eminence with God the Father—His total DELIGHT. [Matt. 17:5]
- **Argument two: YES**, because He already has pre-eminence with God the Holy Spirit—His total CONVERSATION. [John 15:26]
- **Argument three: YES**, Because He already has pre-eminence in the Bible—His total REVELATION. [John 1:1 – 2]
- **Argument four: YES**, Because He fills the fountains of God's mercy—His total REDEMPTION. [Hebrews 12:2]

Scripture

Col. 1:18 KJV And He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things He (Jesus) might have the preeminence.

Phil. 3:10 NASB That I may know Him (Jesus) and power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.

Phil. 3:13b – 14 NASB But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matt. 19:29 NASB And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life.

Matt. 17:5 NASB While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

John 1:3 NASB All things came into being through Him, (Jesus) and apart from Him not even one thing came into being that has come into being.

John 15:26 NASB When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me.

John 1:1 – 2 NASB In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Heb. 12:2 NASB Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.