

# THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

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## Axiom 3: Christ's Body Does It All (Colossians 1:19-20)

PURPOSE: To be ready for the start of a new year, 2021, with three Christocentric axioms to live by.

### I. The Quest for the Human Superiority

#### A. Our Clean Version of This Quest

From the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, to the Marines, to the University, to Pro Sports on steroids, to the Olympics, we in America have our own sanctified version of developing the ultimate “fit” champion.

#### B. The Folly of Icarus

In Greek mythology, Icarus (/ˈɪkərəs/; Ancient Greek: Ἰκάρως [iːkaros]) is the son of the master craftsman Daedalus, the creator of the Labyrinth. Icarus and his father attempt to escape from Crete by means of wings that his father constructed from feathers and wax. Icarus' father warns him first of complacency and then of **hubris**, asking that he fly neither too low nor too high, so the sea's dampness would not clog his wings nor the sun's heat melt them. Icarus ignored his father's instructions not to fly too close to the sun; when the wax in his wings melted he tumbled out of the sky and fell into the sea where he drowned, sparking the idiom "don't fly too close to the sun" (-from Wikipedia.org, dated 12-23-2020).

- Hubris (i.e., excessive pride, self-confidence) has plagued our modern world as well.
- Hitler's “Aryan” race and Transgenderism are primary examples of body-obsession going out of control.

## II. Jesus' Body Outshines the Sun

For **in him** all the **fullness of God** was pleased to dwell...  
(Colossians 1:19).

### A. Ontologically

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? **Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (John 14:8-9; also Matthew 17:5).

*Note: the Son is still distinct from the Father. Eutyches of Constantinople in the fifth century A.D. made the mistake of saying Christ had only one Divine nature which 'swallowed' his human nature. (But our Lord had/has two—the human and the divine).*

### B. Experientially

And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."<sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? **Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?**" (Luke 2:48-49).

And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold,<sup>46</sup> saying to them, "It is written, '**My house shall be a house of prayer,**' but you have made it a den of robbers." (Luke 19:45-46; compare to Jesus' righteous indignation for those speaking against the work of the Holy Spirit in Luke 12:10, a similar zeal).

Jesus, **knowing** that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God... (John 13:3).

### III. **Jesus' Blood Reconciles All Things**

...through him to **reconcile to himself all things**, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace **by the blood of his cross**. (Colossians 1:20).

#### A. What Verse 20 Doesn't Mean

- *Is Not Just Talking about Plasma & Platelets*

Since, therefore, we have now been **justified by his blood**, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (Romans 5:9-10, Lev. 17:11).

- *Is Not Saying That Hell is Unoccupied*

**Outside** are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and **everyone who loves and practices falsehood**. (Revelation 22:15).

#### B. What Verse 20 Does Mean

- *Mainly for Believers: B.C. to A.D., Jew to Gentile*

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but **Christ is all, and in all**. (Colossians 3:11).

- *Global Environmental Reconstruction (Rebirth)*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more... And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, **I am making all things new**." ... (Revelation 21:1 and 5a).

#### **IV. Rethinking Your Identity and Place in the World**

The impact of Colossians 1:19-20 is that, as Christians, we no longer need to be looking for Superman. The optimal, ultimate human is found in the very person of Jesus Christ.

Christ's body not only outshines the radiance of the Sun, but also in human stature, he rises above all other regal heads including that of Adam. Jesus takes the place of Adam as our new Federal Head (Romans 5:14).

As Christians we are given the mind of Christ. We relate to brothers and sisters who confess Christ as Savior and Lord far more closely than any other familial, racial, or ideological group. This Savior-at-the-Center, after all, has rescued our desperate souls (Titus 3:5-6).

As Christians we are nourished and replenished by Christ's Spirit, his proven works, and words of life found in the fullness of the Scriptures (John 4:10-15, 6:47-56, 6:67-69).

As Christians we see the world differently than the doom and gloom of the global-watch pundits. Yes, there is a coming Day of Judgment. But faithful believers need not fear of the coming Judgment Day since Christ has become our Noah's Ark to a New Heaven & Earth (1 Peter 3:18-22, 2 Peter 2:4-10, 1 John 4:18).

#### **The Supremacy of Christ Course Outline:**

- December 6 - Introduction to Colossians 1:15-20
- December 13 - The Universe Has a Center / Col. 1:15-17
- December 20 - The Church Has a Head / Col. 1:18
- December 27 - Christ's Body Does it All / Col. 1:19-20