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HERE WE STAND

OUR REFORMATION AND ROOTS AND RELENTLESS RESOLVED

PART 2

CHRIST ALONE

Our Unwavering Commitment to the Head of the Church

(Colossians 1:15-23)

INTRODUCTION:

THE LARGER CONTEXT: (1:3-29)

1A. A _____ OF _____ FOR CHURCH. (1:3-8)

"We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints..."

2A. A _____ FOR THE _____ OF THE CHURCH. (1:9-14)

*"For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you...
...so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord..."*

3A. A _____ FOR THE _____ OF THE CHURCH. (1:15-29)

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1B. An Unrivaled and Unrelenting _____ for the _____
of the Church (1:15-20)

"He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything."

—Colossians 1:18

2B. An Unrivaled and Unrelenting _____ of the _____
of the Church (1:21, 22)

"And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach."

—Colossians 1:21, 22

3B. An Unrivaled and Unrelenting _____ in the _____
of the Church (1:23)

"...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard..."

—Colossians 1:23

4B. An Unrivaled and Unrelenting _____ in the _____
of the Church (1:24)

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions."

—Colossians 1:24

5B. An Unrivaled and Unrelenting _____ to the _____
of the Church (1:25-29)

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ."

—Colossians 1:28

THE HEADSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST OVER THE CHURCH: THREE _____.

1. HE IS _____ ! THE _____ OF JESUS CHRIST.

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,..."

—Colossians 1:17-19

"For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,..."

—Colossians 2:9

2. HE IS _____ ! THE _____ OF JESUS CHRIST.

"...and in Him you have been made complete,..."

—Colossians 2:10a

3. HE IS _____ ! THE _____ OF JESUS CHRIST.

"...and He is the head over all rule and authority."

—Colossians 2:10b

CONCLUSION:

"...which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

—Ephesians 1:20-23