Christian’s Responsibility to Christ
Col. 1:18

Introduction:
A. Our primary responsibility to Christ is the give Him the preeminence.
   1. The preeminence (first in rank or influence) of Christ, the theme of Colossians.
   2. The firstborn over all creation. (vv. 15-17)
   3. The firstborn from the dead. (v. 18).
B. Our responsibility to give Christ preeminence in several areas of our lives is discussed in Colossians:

Discussion:
I. We must Give Christ the Preeminence in Our Salvation.
   A. Only in Him we can be:
      1. Delivered from the power of darkness. (v. 13)
      2. Conveyed (translated) in the kingdom. (v. 13)
      4. Reconciled to God. (vv. 19-23).
   B. Only in Christ we have hope of heaven. (1:3-5).
   C. Our salvation and hope in Him are conditional. (1:23; 2:11-13; cf. Acts 2:38)

II. We must Give Christ the Preeminence in the Church.
   A. He is the head of it. (1:18; 2:19).
      1. All authority comes from the head.
      2. His word must be final in all controversy.
   B. He is to be glorified in it rather than man. (cf. Eph. 3:21).

III. We must Give Christ the Preeminence in Our Preaching and Practice.
   A. Rather human philosophy. (2:1-10).
   B. Rather than O.T. law. (2:14-17).
   C. Rather than human tradition and regulations. (2:18-23).

IV. We must Give Christ the Preeminence in Our Minds and Hearts. (3:1-2)
   A. The results of an earth-centered mind. (3:5-9).
   B. The results of a Christ-centered mind. (3:12-17).

V. We must Give Christ the Preeminence in Our Homes.
   A. Behave as “is fitting in the Lord.” (3:18-19)
   B. Behave as “well pleasing to the Lord.” (3:20-21).
      1. Can “raise” animals, must “bring up” children to please God (Eph. 6:4; 1 Tim. 5:10).
      2. Children are to honor and obey parents “in the Lord.” (Eph. 6:1-3)

VI. We must Give Christ the Preeminence in Our Workplaces.
   A. Servants behave as to the Lord. (3:22-25)
   B. Masters as ones who have a Master in heaven. (4:1)

Conclusion:
A. Are you ready to give Christ the preeminence your life?
B. Believe in Him. (John 8:24). Confess His name.
C. Repent and Be Baptized in His name. (Acts 2:38).
D. Do all in his name. (Col. 3:17)