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## Where Does Jesus Belong?

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I.

Where Does Jesus Belong? <sup>in your life?</sup> <sup>my life?</sup> <sup>everybody's life?</sup> (1)

(a contemporary-Need Lesson)

Major? Does history repeat itself? Does it have to?

1. Premise: Contemporary - all getting very fuzzy & unclear. Very dangerous condition.

2. 2nd Premise: Truth is one, fixed, real & unchangeable. Like Jesus - Came yesterday - today - forever. Feb. 13/8

3. "Most" - needed reminder in rel. today:  
⊗ Math. 20:16. & 22:14. "FEN?" WHY? ⊗ I Pet. 5:8.

4. What does Satan do? <sup>TODAY?</sup> Same as at Col. Church, <sup>R.D. 64.</sup> and everywhere else always!

5. Problems at Colosse:

a. "Gnosticism": "To Know": Glorification of "human" wisdom & intellect. Downplay of God, Christ, H.S., Revelation and Divine Wisdom in Inspiration. MAN'S ignorance replaces God's Wisdom in the Gospel.

b. Gnosticism practiced: SYN-CRE-TISM = Collection of bits & pieces of philosophical ideas - thoughts - precepts & concepts. <sup>ONLY</sup>

1. "matter" is evil: If Jesus came in the flesh <sup>HE WAS</sup> Evil <sup>ONLY</sup> SPR.  
ak heska 2. Jesus, a lesser luminary along with stars, angels, invisible - beings which "rule" the earth.

3. If Jesus suffered & died on a cross - was weak and inferior, as a leader.

4. Sal. was only an "escape" from the ills of human life on earth. It was secured thru "secret" knowledge & wisdom - tied to ancient philosophical understanding.

So, 5. Morality had no connection to SAL.



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(2.)

## II Paul Put Jesus In His Place in the Book of Colossae: *Greatest of great sermons.*

5: John 1:1-5, 10.  
Eph. 3:9  
Col 1:3-17.  
Heb. 1:1-2  
Heb. 11:3

A. The Creator of all things! Before + above all on earth.  
1:15-18. & Matt. 28:18. None greater.

B. Jesus is fully & completely the expression of God's presence on earth.  
1:19-21. It took a sacrifice and suffering (in strength) to make Sal. possible for mankind.

C. Christ is mankind's ONLY hope of Sal. & glory in eternity.  
1:25-29.

D. Eternal truth about eternity is in the Gospel Mystery (unrevealed until now.)  
2:1-7. True wisdom & knowledge is from God.

E. Jesus has no challengers! One Lord! Eph. 4:5.  
2:8-10.

F. "Morality" is God's basic for eternal Sal.  
3:8-11. \* Rev. 20:12!

Obedience to the Gospel puts all converts into God's Spr. Family - the Church, with Christ as (all in all) Savior, Friend, Advocate, Intercessor, Comforter & King. John 14:27, when explained is John 14:1-3.

Now. Where do you plan to spend Eternity  
In what or whom is your HOPE?  
Why not make all of this SURE with Jesus, as Friend & Savior!!