"CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL"

Default Settings – Colossians 1:1-2

Overflowing With Thankfulness – Colossians 1:3-8

Praying For Saints – Colossians 1:9-14

GNOSTICS

Superior Knowledge

Christ Only A "god" Among Others

COLOSSIANS 1:15-18

The essence of Paul's message today is that Christ is either Lord of all or not Lord at all.

DECEPTIVE TEACHINGS VS. DETRIMENTAL PRACTICES

- 1. Partisanship (Corinth)
- 2. Biting & Devouring (Galatians)
- 3. Leaving First Love (Ephesus)
- 4. Thinking More Highly Of Selves (Philippi)
- 5. Divisive People (Rome)

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1. The Deity Of Christ (15)

2. The Dominion Of Christ (16-18)

I. THE DEITY OF CHRIST (15)

His Right To Be Lord

GOD IS INVISIBLE

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

Who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. (I Timothy 6:16)

PEOPLE ERECT VISIBLE IDOLS

Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. (Psalm 115:8)

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things (Romans 1:21-23)

1. IMAGE – ICON OR IMPRINT

Man is made in the likeness of God but Christ is the image of God.

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:1-3).

GOSPEL OF JOHN

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'? (14:9)

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (1:18)

2. FIRSTBORN – RANK, PRIORITY, SOVEREIGNTY

And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. (Psalm 89:27)

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Romans 8:29)

II. THE DOMINION OF CHRIST (16-18)

His Rule As Lord

A. CHRIST IS OVER CREATION

1. He Is The Producer Of Creation – By Him All Things Were Created

2. His Pre-Existence To Creation – Before All Things

3. His Preservation Of All Things – In Him All Things Hold Together

4. He Is The Purpose Of Creation – For By Him

B. CHRIST IS OVER THE CHURCH

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. (Ephesians 5:22-24)

C. CHRIST IS COMPREHENSIVE

So That In Everything He Might Be Preeminent

HE IS EITHER LORD OF ALL OR NOT LORD AT ALL

Family

Marriage

Profession

Church

Mind

Time

Friendships

Language

Pleasures

Athletics

Hobbies

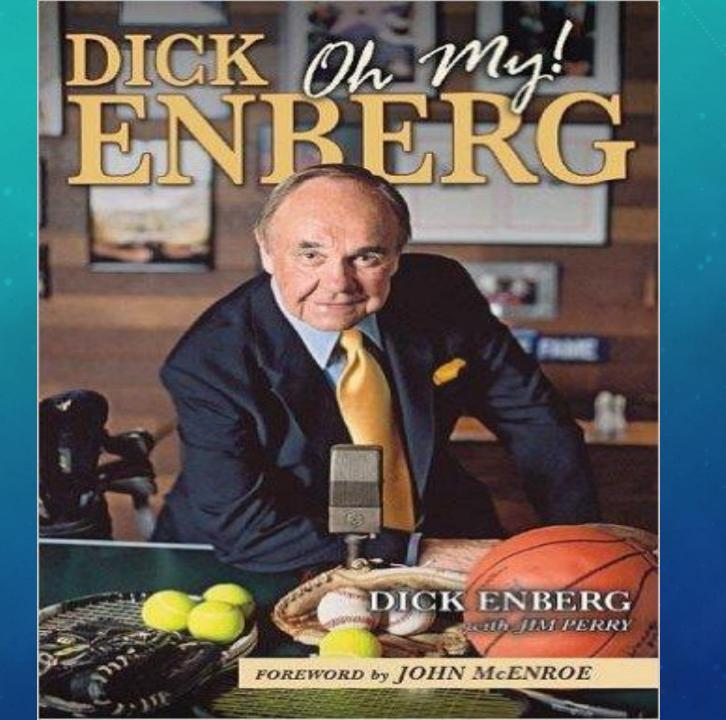
Music

Worship

Senses

"AND HE PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND GAVE HIM AS HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH" (EPHESIANS 1:22)

"Worthy Are You, Our Lord And God, To Receive Glory And Honor And Power, For You Created All Things, And By Your Will They Existed And Were Created" (Revelation 4:11)



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"Oh My," How This Would Change The Church!