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Colossians



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“Paul’s use of three different prepositions is one way of refuting the philosophy of the false teachers. For centuries, the Greek philosophers had taught that everything needed a **primary** cause, an **instrumental** cause, and a **final** cause. The primary cause is the **plan**, the instrumental cause the **power**, and the final cause the **purpose**. When it comes to Creation, Jesus Christ is the primary cause (He planned it), the instrumental cause (He produced it), and the final cause (He did it for His own pleasure).”

Warren W. Wiersbe, [*The Bible Exposition Commentary*](#), vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 116.

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"A commonsense interpretation of the facts suggests that a **superintellect has monkeyed** with physics, as well as chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature."

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“It is one of five key words used in the New Testament to describe the richness of salvation in Christ, along with *justification*, *redemption*, *forgiveness*, and *adoption*. In justification, the sinner stands before God guilty and condemned, but is declared righteous (Rom. 8:33). In redemption, the sinner stands before God as a slave, but is granted his freedom (Rom. 6:18–22). In forgiveness, the sinner stands before God as a debtor, but the debt is paid and forgotten (Eph. 1:7). (In adoption, the sinner stands before God as a stranger, but is made a son (Eph. 1:5)). In reconciliation, the sinner stands before God as an enemy, but becomes His friend (2 Cor. 5:18–20)..”

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Group Discussion Questions

1. Read through the passage as a group and list all the attributes of Christ that you can identify?
2. Choose 1 attribute of Christ per person to elaborate further based on the lesson
3. Share the question/challenges you have faced in regards 'to who Christ is,' when you were evangelizing