

COLOSSIANS

“So that you will walk in a manner
worthy of the Lord,
to please Him in all respects....”

HOW DO WE
USUALLY EVALUATE
HOW WE ARE DOING???

USUALLY...

BY COMPARING OURSELVES
TO OTHERS!

GOD'S "STANDARD" IS...

ARE WE WALKING
WORTHY OF THE LORD
TO PLEASE HIM
IN ALL RESPECTS?

DO WE REALIZE HOW
HIGH A STANDARD
“WORTHY OF THE LORD”
REALLY IS???

COLOSSIANS 1:15-19

THE TARGET FOR A CHRIST-WORTHY WALK: **CHRIST!**, (Colossians 1:15-19)

- His Person, 15.
 - ✓ He is the image of the invisible God
“Image” ↔ “eikōn” ≈ “icon”

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 - ✓ He is the firstborn of all creation
 - “**Firstborn**” is a title of position or “rank.”
 - IT does not require a “birth.”

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- His Work, 16.
 - ✓ He is the creator of all things!
 - In the heavens and on the earth
 - Visible and invisible

In the
heavens

On the
earth

Visible

Invisible

“Chiastic” Structure

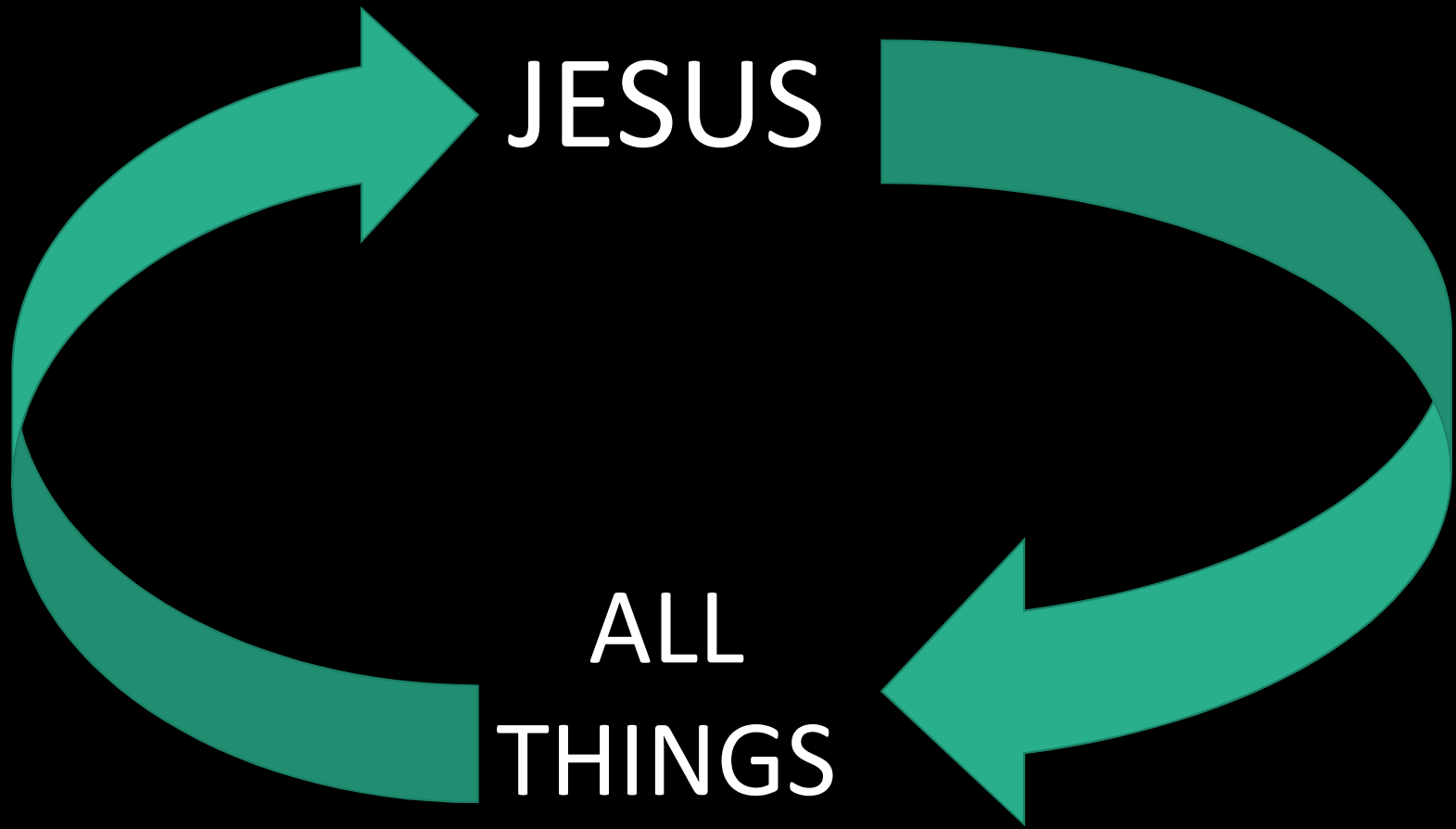
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- His Work, 16.
 - ✓ He is the creator of all things!
 - In the heavens and on the earth
 - Visible and invisible
 - Whether thrones or dominions
 - Or rulers or authorities.

ALL THINGS have been created through Him!

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- His Work, 16.
 - ✓ He is the creator of all things!
 - ✓ He is the purpose of all things!



JESUS IS THE CREATOR!!!

“Prepositional Creation”

- He is the Personal Cause:
“All things were created **BY** (ἐν) Him!”
- He is the Intermediate Agent:
“All things have been created **THROUGH** (διὰ) Him.
- He is the Ultimate Purpose: “(all things were created) **FOR** (εἰς) Him!”

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- His Rank, 17-18.
 - ✓ He is “before” (**πρό**) all things
 - “Before” in time.
 - “Before,” as in, “in front of.”
- “In Him, all things hold together”

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 - “In Him, all things hold together”
 - ✓ He is the head of the Body ↔ The Church
 - ✓ He is The Beginning
 - ✓ He is the firstborn from the dead.

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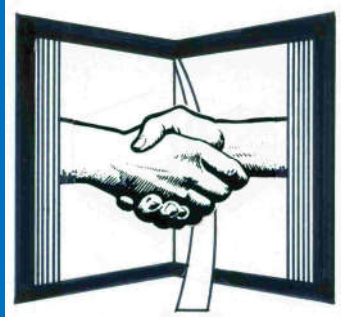
SO THAT He Himself
will come to have first place
IN EVERYTHING!!!

5 times in vv. 16-18, “**all**” or “**every**”

“Walking Worthy
Of The Lord”

Is the highest standard
we can imagine!!!

**AND WE ARE CALLED
TO DO IT!!!**



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