

Gospel Supremacy COLOSSIANS 1V15-23

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2v9: For in Christ <u>all the fullness</u> of the Deity lives in bodily form...

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'First importance'

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Heb 1v3: The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, **sustaining all things** by his powerful word.

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'If a body does not hold fast to its head, it can hardly hope to survive!'

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2v19: They have <u>lost connection with the</u> <u>head</u>, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

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'Put back in it's right place'

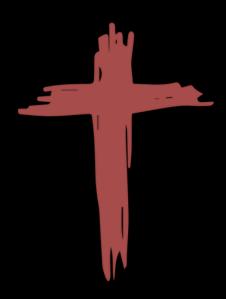
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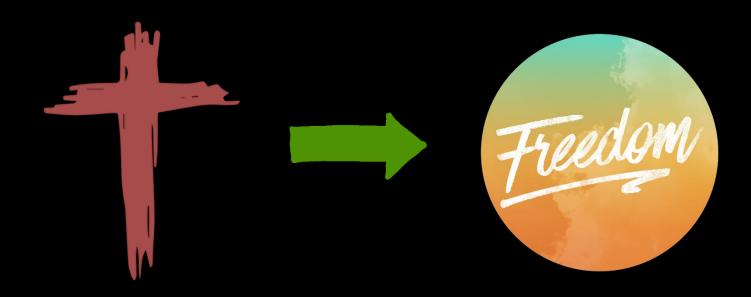


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V23: If you <u>continue in your faith</u>, established and firm, and <u>do not move</u> from the hope held out in the gospel

2v6-7: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.