

**Christ-Esteem
Colossians 1:13-23**

In Any Culture, Self Centeredness Is a "Sickness Unto Death" - Prov 14:12

Jesus Christ Is at the Center of All Creation and All Re-creation - Col 1:13-23

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Deliverer - Col 1:13-14

...He is no correction to creation gone bad - He is the reason for creation! - Col 1:16

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Discloser of God - Col 1:15

...He makes known, explains God to us - Jo 1:18

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Designer of All That Is - Col 1:16-18

...He has the pre-eminence... first place in all things - Col 1:18

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Delight of God - Col 1:19

...Everything that is in Christ is pleasing to God - Col 1:27

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Destiny of All Things - Col 1:20

...Wherever all things are headed, we are going there with Him - I Cor 15:20-57

This Is One You Will Esteem/Worship - Ro 11:33-36

- We proclaim Him (no one needs more that this Christ gives) - Col 1:28

- We humble ourselves before Him (all is relative to Him) - I Pet 5:6; I Cor 4:7

- We esteem Him above all - Is 2:22; Lk 16:15

...our unsurpassing value - Matt 13:44-46; Phil 3:7-10

...our single, fixed focus - Matt 6:22,23; I Jo 3:3

...our one thing needful - Lk 10:38-42; Heb 3:1

We Esteem Him As the Way, the Truth, the Life - Jo 14:6

- "You, and You alone, are the Way"... our source and supply for all things Christian - II Pet 1:3,4

- "You, and You alone, are the Truth"... the Truth is what God says - Jo 17:7

- "You, and You alone, are the Life"... our relationship to all things - Col 3:4