

**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**
...examples of not esteeming Christ above all: sulking, bitterness, arrogance, meanness, complaining
- **We esteem Him as our one unsurpassing value (Matt 13:44-46); our one thing needful (Lk 10:38-42); our one standard for all valuation (Col 3:17)**

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

- **"You are the Way" - "Not my way, but Yours"**
...the way of abiding and abandoning - Jo 15:1-11
- **"You are the Truth" - "Not my truth, but Yours"**
...the Truth is what God says - Jo 17:7
(practice the "Holy but" - Matt 26:39)
- **"You are the Life" - "Not my life, but Yours"**
..."it is no longer I who _____, but Christ who _____ in me" - Ga 2:20