

Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a dark hill in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

Christ and the Church
Colossians 1:18

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κεφαλή (*kephalē*), head

- 1. Literal meaning: the physical part of the body that contains the brain;**
- 2. Metaphorical meaning: describes superiority or authority, but in Greek it never describes source or origin;**

**also used to refer to the “chief” or head
cornerstone (Mark 12:10; Acts 4:11) related to
the uppermost part or extremity.**

Four Realms of Authority

1. ***Dispensationally***, Christ was to have been the chief or **HEAD** cornerstone for Israel at His first coming, and will be at His second (Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7).
2. ***Humanity***, Christ is the Head of every man (male) (1 Cor. 11:3).
3. ***Ecclesiologically***, Christ is the Head of the church, His bride (Eph. 5:23; Rev. 19:6–8).
4. ***Cosmically***, Christ is the Head of principalities and powers and has the universal lordship (Col. 2:10).

Eph. 1:22, “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23, “which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

**ὑποτάσσω *hypotasso*,
aor act indic 3 sing
to subject; to submit**

**He (God [F])
subordinated all things
under His feet**

**κεφαλή (*kephalē*),
head
headship, authority,
control**

**“authority over all
things in the
church”**

Col. 2:10, “and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

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prototokos,
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first in time**

Rev. 1:5, “and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,”

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**πρωτεύω
(*prōteuō*),**

**ance
time**

**be first; to have
the highest rank
in a group**

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θάλπω; *thalpō*;

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**to warm, to care for, to
favor, to comfort, to
brood over**