

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Preeminence of Christ! **Colossians 1:15-18**

Establishing & maintaining **Christ as preeminent** in our lives –

- In **Everything, All the time, with Everyone...**
- Only happens **on purpose** (Not on autopilot)
- We **consciously** commit ourselves to it
- The world, the flesh & the devil will challenge it...
(In everything, all the time)

Ephesians 5:18-20*

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Are we able to thank Him **for these challenging times?**

- If not, we’re not keeping Him as preeminent
- Do we think He’s not doing His best for us?
- Do we actually think about it at all?

Not thanking Him assumes He’s not in it with us & for us

- He said they despised His gift of the promised land!
- **Numbers 14:26-35 & Hebrews 3:6-4:16**
- Why? Because in the flesh it looked life threatening

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How is the world & the devil trying to rob us?

- By **violating Christ’s will** and dividing us
- **John 17:20-23**

How? **Judging each other** over non-essential things

Romans 14:1-6, 10 & 13

Which one is wrong?

- **Neither**
(Actually – the one who judges the other wrong)

Which one is right?

- **Both**

Are we **unwilling** to embrace that as God’s truth?

- At that point, **Christ in NOT preeminent** in our life
- And we trust ourselves more than God

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God isn’t making these dividing times...

He is making them **Defining times!**

Worldly government seeks to **make itself preeminent**

- That is understandable.
- They are not submitted to God

Joshua 24:15

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve”

Daniel 6:4-22

Honoring God as good citizens...

- *Is not instead of honoring God supremely*

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