**Col. 1:18-20  
Christ: Lord over the Church**

Intro

**I. CHRIST: HEAD OF THE BODY (v. 18a).**

A. Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Head of the church.

B. Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Head of the church.

C. Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Head of the church

D. Implications:

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**II. CHRIST: LORD OVER DEATH (v. 18b).**

A. "Beginning"

B. "firstborn from the dead."

Rom. 8:29

1Cor. 15:20

**III. CHRIST: PREEMINENT OVER ALL (v. 18c-19).**

A. The goal: Christ is to have first place in everything (v. 18c).

B. More reasons for this preeminence (vv. 19-20).

1) Christ is the fullness of God (v. 19).

2) Christ reconciles all things through His blood (v. 20).

C. So why the struggle?

**Conclusion**