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*The Importance of
putting Jesus first in
your life.*

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Bible Translations used in my Bible Verse References:

NASB – New American Standard Bible

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NIV – New International Version

KJV – King James Version

Preface

God is number one in the entire universe! He is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega, the all in all. God is the omnipresent omnipotent power and creator of all that is and the creator of the physical laws that hold it all together.

I am asking you to read this book supporting “the Truth”, that you should give Christ Jesus the preeminence in your life above all things and above all people, even those closest to you. Why you should do this is found in the pages of the Bible. This book will present to you what the Bible says about the importance of Jesus and the fact that He is number One above all throughout the whole Universe. And though I have taught an Adult Sunday School class for some 30 years and have some level of understanding of the Bible, this book is not intended to become an intellectual defense of the Bible; the Bible, God’s Holy Word, can defend itself. The Bible has held up to tremendous intellectual scrutiny for many many centuries. Many a skeptic, in attempts to debunk the Bible, have found themselves convicted by it’s Truth, altered forever by it’s power and truth to become believers themselves. For me, I say that it is very clear that Jesus Christ is fully God (and fully man), and that the earth and the whole Universe were created by Jesus Christ, along with the physical laws that hold the Universe together. Though we do not deserve it, nor have we earned it, our sins are forgiven and Jesus, who allows us to be held blameless before God, has reversed our fallen state. We were created in the image of Christ Jesus and through Him we have earthly life, and by His blood and sacrifice we have life everlasting.

Based on all this, you can draw only one conclusion and this book presents it: Jesus Christ is number One in the Bible, number One in the world, number One in the Universe and number One throughout heaven! Four number ones! You must give Jesus the preeminence in your life, that is, put Jesus first above all things and all people; to do so will make you a better person, a better friend, a



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better husband or wife, a better parent, and a better Christian. This is what the real meaning of being “a new creation” is...it is not just some slogan passed around Christian circles. In the first creation, God created man and said; “it is good”...we messed it up, and so God provided a way back for us. When we put Jesus first by giving our lives to Him, and letting Him into our hearts, dedicating our lives to Him, we are then newly created again by God. God rejoices to have us back in relationship with Him, and says, “It is good”. To become a new creation is to hand over your life to the One that gave you life everlasting, Jesus the Christ, and become “a child of God” and a joint heir to the very Kingdom of God.

Amen!

Blessings to you,

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