- (v15-20) The word "all" is used 8 times: "firstborn over all creation" "for by Him all things were created" "all things were created through Him" "and He is before all things" "and in Him all things consist" "that in all things He may have the preeminence" "that in Him all the fullness should dwell" "by Him to reconcile all things"
- (v21-23) The word "you" is used 4 times: "and you ... now He has reconciled"

 "to present you holy, blameless, and above reproach" "if indeed you continue in the faith"

 "and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard"

1. WHO JESUS CHRIST IS ...

- 1) TO THE FATHER (v15) "He is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 2:9; John 1:1-2, v14, v18; John 14:7-11)
- 2) TO CREATION (v15) "the firstborn over all creation"

 Meaning, supremacy, maker and head over all creation, as defined in (v16).
 - (v16) "for by Him all things were created ..."

 (John 1:3; Hebrews 1:1-3)

 "All things were created through Him and for Him"

 (Romans 11:36; Revelation 1:8)
 - (v17) "And He is before all things" (John 8:56-58)
 - (v17) "And in Him all things consist" stand together; harmony; consistency. (Hebrews 1:3) "... and upholding all things by the word of His power."

3) TO THE CHURCH

- (v18) "And He is the head of the body, the church" (Ephesians 1:19-23, 4:4, 5:23)
- (v18) "the firstborn from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20)
- (v18) "that in all things He may have the preeminence" it is Christ above all.
- (v19) "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell"
 (Colossians 2:9-10; Matthew 28:18)
 (v20) "to reconcile all things ... made peace through the blood of His cross"

2. (v21-23) IN "ALL" OF THIS, CHRIST BLESSES "YOU"

- 1) "And you ... yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death" (Isaiah 59:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:19)
- 2) "To present you holy, blameless, and above reproach in His sight" (Romans 12:1; Ephesians 5:25-27)
- 3) "If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast" (1 Cor. 15:58)
- 4) "And are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard"