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**"IS JESUS FIRST FOR YOU?"**  
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## **COLOSSIANS 3:16-24 (ESV)**

Paul's three reasons Christ should be first in our lives:

1. He is first in creation (Col. 1:15).
2. He is first in salvation (Col. 1:20).
3. He is first in prioritization (Col. 1:18).

### **I. BIBLICAL VIEW OF OUR DAILY LIVES (COL. 3:1-2)**

**INSIGHT:** The Colossians thought of their lives in buckets.

**INSIGHT:** The point of Colossians 3 is that Jesus is the whole bucket.

### **II. ALL OUR LIFE IS FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE.**

**INSIGHT:** Biblical Christianity is a lifestyle where all that is done in daily life is done "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Col. 3:12).

**INSIGHT:** As followers of Christ, we should seek to face every life event like Jesus would (Col. 3:17).

**REALITY:** Most Christians don't know what they mean when they say, "in Jesus' name."

"In Jesus' name" we are saying, "I am asking for these things according to Jesus' will, for His glory, and in His power."

**INSIGHT:** Paul says we should be able to say this prayer over all that we do, throughout our days.

**INSIGHT:** Don't say "In Jesus' name" out loud, all the time; that makes you look weird. This is a heart prayer.

### **III. IN EVERYTHING WE DO, JESUS FIRST (Col. 3:23)**

**TRUTH:** All our lives are to be lived for an audience of one. All we do should be able to be “in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

**Parting Biblical Story:** 1 Samuel 15

**INSIGHT:** To take what belongs to God – time, talent, and treasure – and act like it is ours is in God’s eyes like worshiping Satan! (1 Samuel 15:23)