

FIVE KEYS FOR PRE-POSITIONING YOURSELF

Securing Today's Plans and Tomorrow's Hopes by Jack Hayford

STUDY GUIDE

The grammatical prepositions describing our relationship and position with, in, by, and to Christ form the basis for this five-part series. As we embrace that position and relationship, God's greatest possibilities for our lives will be released. The following five pages of this guide can be used to apply the personal value and meaning of these five messages. They cover:

Part I – **Pre-Positioned with Confidence** (Colossians 1:1-14, 19-20, 27)

Part 2 – **Pre-Positioned from the Start** (Colossians 1:15-18)

Part 3 – Pre-Positioned in the Face of Fire (Colossians 1:24-2:3, 13-15)

Part 4 – Pre-Positioned in Partnership (Colossians 2:18-3:4)

Part 5 — **Pre-Positioned for Life-Giving** (Colossians 3:1-4:6, 17)

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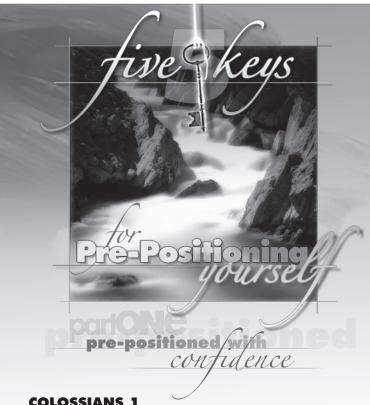
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COLOSSIANS 1

INTRODUCTION

Confidence comes from being in Christ

VERSE 2 • "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ"

VERSE 4 • "Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and your love for all the saints."

In Christ, There is a Place of Confidence and Stability

A Generates something of a dynamic

VERSE 4

"I'm choosing to acknowledge you as in My Son, while His power is growing you unto becoming."

B Manifests itself in our love for others **ROMANS 5.5**



In Christ, There is Dominion & a Release to Full Restoration

"We have been transferred into the Kingdom of His dear Son."

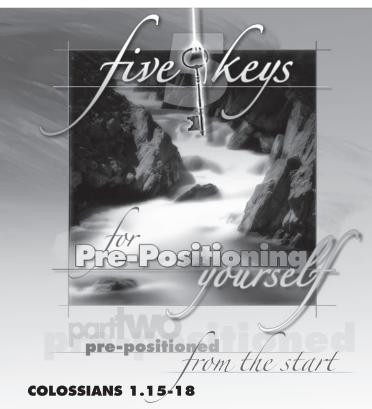
- A Deliverance from the power of darkness
- B Positioning in a new arena, a transfer to the Kingdom

In Christ, There
is Redemption

- A Forgiveness of sins
- B The recovery process

CONCLUSION

Being pre-positioned in Christ makes life begin to unfold in all dimensions of fruitfulness.



INTRODUCTION

- * Because Jesus is the Creator, we have been pre-positioned from the start
- * By Christ we will finish
- * In Christ we end up winners with everyone else who moved with Him

Our Future is Underwritten and Guaranteed

VERSE 16

All things were created through Him and for Him



The Gospel of John

A In the beginning was the Word

JOHN 1.2,3 HEBREWS 1.1,2

B John's focus on who Christ is / I AM

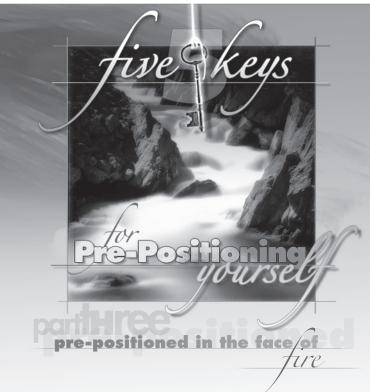
- 1 The Bread of Life
- 2 The Door
- 3 The Way, the Truth and the Life
- 4 The Resurrection and the Life
- 5 The Light of the World

C John's focus on the miracles

- 1 Jesus, the Creator, changes molecular structure of water
- 2 Jesus, the Creator, multiplies the loaves a breaking process, a creation process
- 3 Jesus, the Creator, heals the blind man with the dust from which He created man in the first place

Jesus is Before All Things, and by Him We Exist

- All things are sustained by the Word and His power
- B The world is temporal heaven and earth will pass away
- C The Word of covenant with us will never pass away



COLOSSIANS 1.24 through **2.3,13-15**

The Preeminence of Christ

- * Christ is **OVER** all creation
- * ALL things were created BY Him and THROUGH Him
- * All things were created FOR Him
- * He is BEFORE all things
- * In ALL things He has preeminence
- * ALL fullness dwells in Him
- * He is able to reconcile ALL things
- * ALL fullness of the Godhead dwells in Him
- * He is the Head of ALL principalities and powers



The Presence of Conflict

"I am rejoicing in my sufferings for you, filling up that which is lacking in the afflictions of Christ."

- A Choose to let yourself be in the face of the fire
- B The fire comes from hell, but there is a place of security in Him

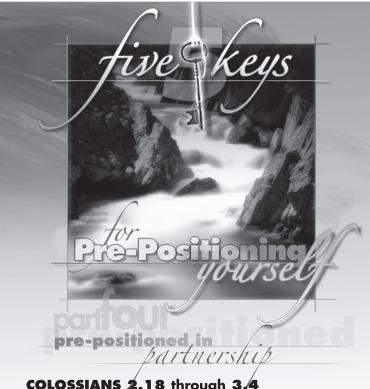
The Promise of Conquest

"Having forgiven you all trespasses...Having wiped out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to it, He took it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

- A To be in Christ is to taste of the power of the cross
- B You are complete in Him
- C The immensity of the blessing you realize is a result of the decisions where you decide to lay yourself down

CLOSING

- * Triumph in Christ is found through trial and tribulation
- * Victory is found through battle
- * Joy is found through sacrifice
- * Receiving is found through giving



COLOSSIANS 2.18 through 3.4

INTRODUCTION

- **Our connection with Christ**
- A partner with Christ
- We are joint heirs with Christ

The Problem

A Legalism will cheat you

VERSE 8

"If anyone cheats you through philosophy and empty deceit according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles."

B The world will cheat you



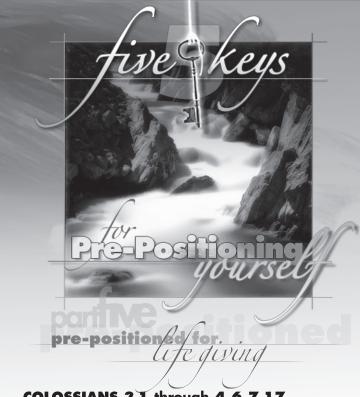
The Power

A The Appearing with Christ

COLOSSIANS 1.3,4

There's an establishing and continual resourcing

- **B** The Power of the Cross
 - 1 Indestructible quality of Christ "Since you were raised with Christ, set your mind on those things above."
 - 2 The implications:
 - You have a Partner
 - You have a Peace



COLOSSIANS 3.1 through 4.6,7,17

INTRODUCTION

- Everything for Christ Pre-Positioned for Christ
- Are you a Galilee or a Dead Sea?

Getting the Point

God's Provision for Gracious Transmission

"Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

* Believer vs. Disciple

