





WHO

DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?TM





The Basis of the Baptist Union is:

1. That our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, is the sole and absolute authority in all matters pertaining to faith and practice, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that each Church has liberty, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to interpret and administer His laws.



'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.'

Matthew 28:18

‘Jesus Christ, he says, is the *firstborn*. That’s the first meaning which comes twice (in verses 15 and 18).

Jesus Christ is *supreme* (verse 17)...

Jesus Christ is the *head* of the body, which is the church (v18)...

Jesus Christ is the *beginning* (also verse 18).’

Tom Wright, *Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters*

**‘The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
over all creation.’**

Colossians 1:15



‘What they need to know above all, if they are to grow as Christians, increasing in wisdom, power, patience, and thanksgiving, is *the centrality and supremacy of Jesus Christ*. The more they get to know, and know about, Jesus Christ, the more they will understand who the true God is and what he’s done; who they are as a result; and what it means to live in and for him.’

Tom Wright, *Paul for Everyone: The Prison Letters*





'He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.'

Colossians 1:17

'If this is the case, then the most urgent task of Christians is to play their part in making the church a place of healing for broken relationships, where divisions caused by class, race, wealth, education, age, gender, nationality, or religious tradition are overcome, and an agent of peace and justice in situations of conflict, whether in the home or the workplace, at the national or the international level. Whatever the details of the future prepared by a loving and just God, our present focus is to say and do all we can as agitators for the values of the coming new world.'

Andrew Lincoln, New Interpreter's Bible: Colossians

**‘But now he has reconciled
you by Christ’s physical body
through death to present you
holy in his sight, without
blemish and free from
accusation.’**

Colossians 1:22

