## Christ in You, the Hope of Glory

## **PREEMINENCE**



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Christ in You, the Hope of Glory is a hymn with chorus set to the stately tune PREEMINENCE. Stanzas 1 and 2 are drawn from the Christological hymn found in Colossians 1:15-20. Stanzas 3, 4, and 5 focus on the implications of Christ's resurrection as it relates to the Christian life (Col. 2, 3). The chorus expresses the overall theme of Colossians: Christ's preeminence and sufficiency is the basis for our sure hope of salvation in this life and the next. He is Lord of all and all we need.

First among His own creation, God's own image in the Son. King of kings and all dominions, Cause and keeper, all in one.	He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were createdwhether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together (Col. 1:15-17, ESV).
2 First among the resurrected, All God's fullness dwells in Him. Through His blood we are accepted, Reconciled to live again.	And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross (1:18-20).
3 Dead in our self-made religion, Now alive, forgiv'n in Him. Made anew by Christ's provision, Hid in Him, now dead to sin.	And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross (2:13-14) self-made religion of no value (2:23).
4 Raised with Christ, we seek his kingdom, Set our mind on things above. Put away all worldly passions, Put on harmony and love.	If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth (3:1-2). Put to death therefore what is earthly in you (3:5). And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony (3:14)
5 Let the word of Christ dwell richly, Teach, admonish in wisdom. Sing together with thanksgiving, To the Father through the Son.	Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God giving thanks to God the Father through him (3:16, 17b).
CHORUS Christ in you, the hope of glory, Blest assurance of the Son. Now revealed, the ancient myst'ry, Lord of all, preem'nent One.	To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (1:27)the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ (2:2b).