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3. He Is Unique in His Power – v 16
 - a. Result
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 - (2.) Visible — Invisible
 - (3.) Thrones — Dominions — Rulers — Authorities
 - c. Reason
 - (1.) Through Him
 - (2.) For Him – Romans 11:33-36
4. He Is Unique in Being the First and Upholding Principle – v 17
 - a. Emphatic Pronoun
 - b. Explanation – John 3:30-35, Revelation 1:10, 17-18, Hebrews 1:3, Acts 17:28a
- c. Extension – Romans 2:2-11, 2 Peter 3:7
- d. Application to Mankind – Psalm 14:1
5. He Is Unique in His Headship of the Church – v 18
 - a. He is the Head, and He grants:
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 - (2.) function – 1 Corinthians 12:18
 - (3.) direction – Matthew 28:19-20
 - (4.) care – Ephesians 5:25b
 - (5.) understanding and wisdom – Colossians 1:9, 3:10
 - b. He is the Beginning, and His Resurrection is:
 - (1.) a meritorious cause of justification – Romans 4:25
 - (2.) an efficient cause – 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, Philippians 3:21, 1 Peter 1:3-4
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