

COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ

CHALLENGE

- Do you appreciate the significance of this opportunity to pursue God's perfect will?
- Identify and put into practice ways in which this passage, this prayer can influence your relationship with other believers and the world.

COLOSSIANS 1: 15-20

Christ is Preeminent!!!

Colossians 1: 15-20 (NASB)

- ¹⁵ And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.
- ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created by Him and for Him.
- ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- ¹⁸ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.
- ¹⁹ For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him,
- ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or in heaven.

BREAKDOWN OF COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

1. Christ is the Preeminent **Lord of Creation** (vs. 15-17)
2. Christ is the Glorious **Head of the Church** (vs. 18a)
3. Christ is the Magnificent **Agent of Reconciliation** (vs. 18b-20)

1. Christ is the Preeminent **Lord of Creation** (vs. 15-17)
 - Jesus is the **revelation** of God, exclusively and entirely, and fully embodies God's nature, making what is "invisible" visible.
 - "Firstborn" conveys the eternal Jesus' **position of primary prominence and prestige** over creation. (cf. John 1:1, 14)
 - Christ is the **agent of creation**, He has exclusive and inherent **authority over it**, He **holds all things together**, and all things find their **fulfillment and consummation in Him**.

2. Christ is the Glorious **Head of the Church** (vs. 18a)

- Jesus is the **source** of the body of Christ, the church.
- Jesus is **sovereign** over the body of Christ, the church.

3. Christ is the Magnificent **Agent of Reconciliation** (vs. 18b-20)

- The church was **inaugurated** when Jesus was the first to rise from the dead.
- We are no longer enemies of God! Thanks to Jesus, we are now God's **redeemed** children!

CHALLENGE

- What should our response be to “Christ is Preeminent”?
 - In creation
 - In the church
 - In redemption