

The Supremacy of Christ

Colossians 1:9-23

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1) Image of the invisible God – vs. 15

Manifestation and representation of God Himself.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

John 14:9-10

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **Matthew 3:17**

“Christ’s supremacy is first shown in His relationship with God the Father. Christ is the perfect resemblance and representation of God.”¹

Jesus’ supremacy is shown in His relationship to God.

2) The firstborn over all creation – vs. 15

Firstborn here does not mean He was “born” like you and me.

*I said, “O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are **throughout** all generations. Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands.* **Psalms 102:24-25**

*The **eternal** God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

Deuteronomy 33:27

Greek word for firstborn is *prototokos*. If Christ were the “first created,” the Greek word would have been *protoktisis*.

Firstborn can’t be part of Creation if He created all things.

Firstborn here denotes 2 things: He preceded the whole creation and He is sovereign over all Creation.

Jesus has always been; no beginning and no end.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

3) Creator of the Universe – vs. 16-17

All things were created by Him and for Him.

“Christ is not only the One through whom all things came to be, but also the One by whom they continue to exist.”²

We are part of God’s plan, that He put together. Why you ask? For His glory and His purpose.

With that knowledge, how am I living out for God’s glory and purpose?

4) Head of the Church – vs. 18

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. **Ephesians 1:22-23**

¹ The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty

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Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Ephesians 5:22-24

God's Church was God's (Jesus) idea, not man's.

5) Firstborn from the dead – vs. 18

First to be **risen**, never to **die** again.

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Revelation 1:5

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Jesus lives!

6) The fullness of God – vs. 19

For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. Colossians 2:9-10

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions." Hebrews 1:8-9

7) Reconciler of all things – vs. 20

Those who have been **redeemed**.

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Romans 8:19-21

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. Romans 5:10-11

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

Prayer Focus:

I would trust and rest in the sovereignty of God.

I would practice God's presence moment by moment.

I would be on mission with God.

Praise God, He is in control!