

SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE: The Supremacy of Jesus

PASSAGE: Colossians 1:15-20

DATE: June 28, 2020

I. Supreme in Creation (v. 15-17)

- A. Jesus is supreme in creation by making the invisible God visible. (v. 15a)
 - “To call Christ the image of God is to say that in Him the being and nature of God have been perfectly manifested—that in Him the invisible has become visible.” –F.F. Bruce
 - “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” – Hebrews 1:3
- B. Jesus is supreme in creation by being the prototype of creation. (v. 15b)
- C. Jesus is supreme in creation by being the source of all creation. (v. 16a)
 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.” – John 1:1-3
- D. Jesus is supreme in creation by being the agent of creation. (v. 16b)
- E. Jesus is supreme in creation by being the goal of creation. (v. 16c)
 - “Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” – Philippians 2:9-11
- F. Jesus is supreme in creation by being the sustainer of creation. (v.17)

II. Jesus is Supreme in the Church: vs. 18-23

- A. Jesus is supreme in the church because He has full authority. (v. 18)
- B. Jesus is supreme in the church because of His incarnation. (v. 19)
 - “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.” – Colossians 2:9-10
- C. Jesus is supreme in the church because His atonement. (v. 20-23)
 - Seeing the supremacy of our Savior should lead to our submission to Him in everything

“You’ll never grow as a Christian until you develop a personal intimacy with the Lord Jesus; until you deal with him as you would a best friend—turn to him first in every need; consult him at every step; talk to him about all your difficulties; spread before him all your sorrows; allow him to share in all your joys; do all things as in his sight; to go through every day leaning on him.” – J.C. Ryle

Benediction: “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

Discussion/Reflection Questions:

1. What is one thing about the pre-eminence and supremacy of Jesus that you learned about that you’d like to dwell on more?
2. What area(s) of your life do you need to re-orient around Jesus’ pre-eminence?

SERMON OUTLINE CONTINUED

Overview of Colossians

Christ Preeminent in All Things Supreme Lord Sufficient Savior			
Colossians 1	Colossians 2	Colossians 3	Colossians 4
Supremacy of Christ		Submission to Christ	
Doctrinal and Corrective		Practical and Reassuring	
What Christ Did For Us		What Christ Does Through Us	
Christ Our Lord		Christ Our Life	Christ Our Love
Christ the Head of the Body	Christ the Lord of the Universe	Christ the Head of the Home	
Instruction	Warnings	Exhortations	Reminders
Reconciliation	Creation	Submission	Conversation
His Person and Word		His Peace and Presence	