



Christ, The One Who Is Supreme

Series: Christ, the One Part 2 of 10

Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Colossians 1:15-23

Big Idea: Christ is supreme in creation, in the church and in the individual Christ-follower.

Victor Hugo said, The supreme happiness of life is the conviction of being loved for yourself, or more correctly, being loved in spite of yourself."

1. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST IN CREATION

A. He is the image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1:15, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

B. He is the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:15b, "...the firstborn over all creation."

C. By him all things were created.

Colossians 1:16a, "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities."

D. All things were created by Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16b, "...all things were created by him and for him."

E. In Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:17, "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

2. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST IN CREATION

Colossians 1:18a, "And he is the head of the body, the church."

Colossians 1:18b, "He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead."

Colossians 1:18c-19, "He is the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him."

Colossians 1:20, "And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

3. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST IN THE INDIVIDUAL CHRIST-FOLLOWER.

Colossians 1:21, "Once you were *alienated* from God and were *enemies* in your minds because of your evil behavior."

Colossians 1:22, "But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation."

Colossians 1:23, "if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant."