

Be Reformed – Open the bible: study, dig and ask what the main point of the passage is

Be Charismatic – Expect the Holy Spirit: ask God to speak, minister, build up and lead us to maturity

Be Community – Love God's people: share vulnerably, apply, pray and build each other up

Be Missional – Win the world: apply lessons to outreach, make content accessible to non-Christians

Colossians 1:15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the

church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Study Guide 15 January 2012 The Supremacy of Jesus Christ over All Things



Summary

In this passage Paul has one main aim, which is to show us the surpassing supremacy of Jesus Christ over every single thing. There is nothing that he is over and above.

The implications of this are clear: that we should worship and trust Him alone, before all other gods. All other gods are created, have no real authority, can't satisfy and ultimately ruin our lives.

In this passage Paul gives four clear reasons why Jesus is superior to all others: 1) because He is God Himself, 2) Because He made all things for Himself, 3) because He holds all things together, 4) because he is the one who died and was raised to purchase all things for Himself.

Key points

Jesus Christ is superior to everything else in this world and therefore fully to be loved, trusted and worshipped.

Questions

- >>What do you think are the rights and responsibilities of a supreme being?
- >>What other gods vie for your worship?
- >>What does Christ's supremacy mean in a very practical way for your desires, ambitions and life path?

Final thoughts

Jesus is the firstborn of the new creation, and the only one that can bring you to paradise (glory), trust Him fully!