

## The Supremacy of the Gospel

*Part 2 of the Pre-eminence of Christ*

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*Read Colossians 1:15-23*

We must be careful to keep Christ at the forefront of all we teach. We cannot let popular culture, psychology, self-help ideas, or anything else take the place of Christ. Apart from Christ and His glorious gospel, we don't have another message. The church in Colossae was facing some issues with teachers coming in and minimizing Christ and elevating other teachings. Paul took great care to explain the pre-eminence (supremacy) of Christ and so must we.

### 1. The Supremacy of Christ Over Creation – verses 15-17

4 truths:

- a. He is *God* (15a) – He is the *exact* visible image of the invisible God
- b. He is the Unique *Son of God* (15b) – implies he is the instigator and ruler
- c. He is Creator of *All Things* (16)
- d. He Holds All Things Together (17) – We can rest in Him

### 2. The Supremacy of Jesus Over His New Creation – verses 18-19

- a. He is the Head of the Church (18a) – the source and authority
- b. Jesus is the “beginning” (18) – two meanings, “To rule, and to begin”

### 3. The Supremacy of the Gospel Message – verse 20

- a. The focus – to “reconcile to Himself.”
- b. The Scope – “all things”
- c. The Result – “peace”
- d. The Means – “through the blood”

### 4. The Supreme Results of the Gospel – verses 21-23

- a. You are Holy
- b. You are Without Blemish
- c. You are Above Reproach

#### Questions:

1. At the time this book was written, there were Gnostic and Judaistic teachers infiltrating the church introducing wrong teaching which took away from the pre-eminence of Christ Jesus. In what ways is it possible for us to take away from the

supremacy of Christ today?

2. Review once again the results of the gospel mentioned. Nothing else can accomplish this in our lives! Have you always realized these things as a Christian? How might it affect your life if you truly grasp these things?
3. We don't *make* Jesus Lord. He *is* Lord. However, we can, and must, bow to His Lordship. How would you describe what this looks like to *bow* to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

**Prayer:** *“Father, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Lord and Saviour! Help us to keep our eyes and our focus on His Pre-eminence. May we embrace His supremacy over creation, over His new creation, of the gospel and the wonderful results of the gospel! There is no other name given under heaven whereby we must be saved. Your Word reminds us that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, and Father, I bow before Him now. Thank you, in Jesus’ name, amen!”*