

The Supremacy of Jesus

Colossians 1: 15-18



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The supremacy of the Son of God

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.



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¹⁷ 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 and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.



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- 1. An Invisible God?**
- 2. The Beginning**
- 3. ALL**
- 4. The church (for Jesus)**



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v.15: “The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.”

v.15: “Christ is the exact likeness of the unseen God.”



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v.16: “For in him (Jesus) all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.”



2. The Beginning

John 1: 2-3

“He (Jesus) was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.”

Genesis 1: 26

“Let **us** make human beings in **our** image.”



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v.17: “He is before **ALL** things, and in him **ALL** things hold together.”



“To speak of oneness is not to speak of sameness, but of the fundamental interdependence and interconnectedness of all creation, which finds its source in God. This is a joyous truth, that my life is bound together with yours...

Our frustration at this gap between the truth and reality is an indication, I think, that we know deep down things should not be this way. The longing we have for right relationships between all people, dignity for all and justice for the oppressed is born from this knowledge, which we cannot always articulate.”

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Surrender: “Your Way, not mine.”

Pruning: removing the dead bits so new life can grow?