

Colossians 1:15-17

Christ's Supremacy Over All Creation

Christ Reveals God (v. 15a)

Christ Rules Creation (vv. 15b-17)

- Creation is under Christ (v. 15b)
- Creation is in Christ (v. 16a-b)
- Creation is through Christ (v. 16c)
- Creation is for Christ (v. 16d)
- Creation is after Christ (v. 17a)
- Creation is sustained by Christ (v. 17b)

Application of Colossians 1:15-17

1. Knowing that Christ perfectly reveals God, because He is God, means the more we study the person (humanity and deity) and work of Christ (e.g. miracles, life, teaching, death, resurrection) the better we understand who God is. This in turn will deepen our submission to God, our love for God, and our praise to God.
Such study may include reading the Bible, listening to sermons, or reading a theology book... and doing FOF in the fall with us!
2. How would you explain Col 1:15-17 to a Jehovah Witness who would use v. 15 to argue Christ was created? What are some other verses you might use to support 1) the meaning of "firstborn" in this context and 2) that Jesus is God, not created?
3. In what way(s) does this passage (Col 1:15-17) teach creation was not by chance or a process of evolution?
4. Because Christ is supreme over all spiritual beings what confidence and comfort does this truth provide regarding the demonic realm?
5. Reflect upon the beauty of creation this week and how it has been made "in Christ," "through Christ," and "for Christ." With prayer and praise consider what creation teaches us about God.
6. As you go about your week reflect on the truth that Christ upholds all things e.g. water in a glass that doesn't break; the car that transports you; your ability to sit, stand, lay; the weather; your growing garden. It's amazing to think all of this is dependent on Christ!
7. Are you trying to replace Christ with anything? Are tradition, legalism, or 'spiritual experiences' attempting to draw you away from your relationship with Christ? Maybe even Christian books or pastors are becoming your primary source of spiritual growth rather than Christ through personal reading and study of God's Word. Repent of any behaviour/thoughts, acknowledge Christ is supreme, and centre your spiritual growth around Christ and His Word.

Reading this week: Read & pray through the 1st chapter of Colossians numerous times this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>Christ's Supremacy Over All Creation</i> Christ _____ God (v. 15a)	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>	Christ _____ Creation (vv. 15b-17) - Creation is _____ Christ (v. 15b) - Creation is in _____ (v. 16a-b)	
<u>Verses</u>	- Creation is _____ Christ (v. 16c) - Creation is _____ Christ (v. 16d) - Creation is after _____ (v. 17a) - Creation is _____ by Christ (v. 17b)	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	All things/things	Creation/Created	Paul	Supreme/superior

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: