

Colossians 1:18b-20

Christ's Supremacy Over the New Creation (Part 2)

The Supreme Positions of Christ (v. 18b-c)

The Supreme Preeminence of Christ (v. 18d)

The Supreme Fullness in Christ (v. 19)

The Supreme Reconciliation through Christ (v. 20)

Application of Colossians 1:18b-20

1. What is the significance in our lives of Christ's resurrection i.e. that He is the "firstborn from the dead"? See Rom 4:23-25; 1 Cor 15:12-28; 1 Thess 4:14; 1 Pet 1:3
2. What are some challenges/temptations you face that take you away from adoring Christ and therefore following Him? How would growing in your understanding of Christ help you overcome these areas of weakness?
3. Look up and reflect upon other key texts that describe Jesus is God e.g. Matt 28:16-20; John 1:1-4, 18; Eph 1:20-23; Phil 2:5-11
4. Respond in prayer/praise for the reconciliation of "all things" that is to come, as you consider the future judgement upon unrighteousness, the defeated spiritual realm, a new heavens and earth, and eternity with God in perfect relationship with Him and others.
5. Thank God that although you have been the cause of broken relationship with God because of sin, He took the initiative to reconcile you and offer you peace through the death of His Son.
6. How can God's actions to reconcile you to Himself be an example of efforts you need to make for reconciliation with others? E.g. We are to forgive as God has forgiven us (Col 3:13), we are to pursue peace with others as much as we can (Rom 12:18), and if we have broken relationship with believers we should attempt reconciliation before offering worship (Matt 5:24)
7. How would you answer someone who says v. 20 teaches universalism i.e. everyone will be saved?
8. Write out the main points of this hymn (vv. 15-20) in bullet form to provide a list of who Christ is and keep it somewhere to look at and remind you of who Jesus is and what He has done (you should be able to come up with at least 10 points).

Reading this week: Read Psalm 4 in preparation for next week's sermon from Dale Tschgierl.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

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| <u>Book</u> | <u>Sermon Main Points</u> | <u>Other Bible References:</u> |
| | <i>Christ's Supremacy Over the _____ Creation</i> | _____ |
| <u>Chapter</u> | The Supreme _____ of _____ (v. 18b-c) | _____ |
| | The _____ Preeminence of _____ (v. 18d) | _____ |
| <u>Verses</u> | The Supreme _____ in _____ (v. ____) | _____ |
| | The Supreme _____ through Christ (v. ____) | _____ |

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

| God/Father | Christ/Jesus/Lord | Beginning | First | Paul | Supreme/Supremacy |
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What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: