

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST Colossians 1:15-23

Main Thought: In Colossians 1:15-23, we discover the supremacy of Jesus over creation, the church, and in reconciliation, and are therefore challenged to acknowledge His supremacy in our lives.

1. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST OVER _____
(vv 15-17)
 - 1) He is the _____ of the invisible God.
 - 2) He is _____ over all creation.
 - 3) He is the _____ and sustainer of all things.

2. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST OVER THE _____
(v 18)
 - 1) He is preeminent as the head of His _____, the church.
 - 2) He is preeminent as the firstborn from the _____.

3. THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST IN _____
(vv 19-22)
 - 1) The fulness of _____ dwells in Him.
 - 2) He made _____ through His blood shed on the cross.
 - 3) He has _____ things on earth and in heaven.
 - 4) His reconciliation makes us holy and _____.

4. THE SUPREME QUESTION IN _____ (v 23)
Have you acknowledged the supremacy of Christ in your life?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. In prayer ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you read Colossians 1:15-23.

2. What do you learn about Jesus from these verses?

3. What do you learn about human beings and yourself from these verses?

4. Is there anything you didn't understand in these verses? Were you able to find an answer for your question(s)? If so, what did you discover?

5. What was the most meaningful verse or phrase to you? Why?

6. What lessons or applications are you taking away from these verses?

Digging Deeper:

7. What does it mean that Jesus is the image of the invisible God? (See also John 1:1)

8. What does it mean that Jesus is the "firstborn over all creation"?

9. What does this passage say about Jesus' involvement in creation? What things were created by Him?

10. What does it mean that in Him all things are held together?

11. In what way is Jesus head of the church?

12. How is Jesus the firstborn from among the dead? Weren't their other resurrections before His?

13. How much of God dwells in Jesus? What does that tell you about Him?

14. What does it mean to reconcile?

15. Why did Jesus need to reconcile us to God? How did He do it? What things did Jesus reconcile?

16. What is your take away from verse 23? What is it saying to you?

17. What does it mean to be a servant of the gospel like Paul?