

Believers Together - Discovering Truth Bible Studies
Tuesday, October 17th.
A Study in the Book of Colossians.

The Supremacy of Christ—Colossians 1:15–23

Open It

1. What person comes to mind when you think of greatness?
2. What qualities stand out in a person you admire?

Colossians 1:15–23 (ESV)

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Explore It

3. What is Christ's relationship to Creation? (1:15–17)
4. How do "all things ... hold together" under Christ? (1:16–17)
5. What is Christ's relationship to the church? (1:18)
6. Why was the resurrection of Jesus significant? (1:18)
7. How did Paul explain the deity of Christ? (1:19)
8. What did God achieve through the work of His Son? (1:20)
9. Why was reconciliation necessary? (1:21–22)
10. What is a Christian's position before God? (1:22)
11. What is the role of faith in reconciliation with God? (1:23)
12. What was Paul's confident expectation? (1:23)

Get It

13. What difference does our understanding about Christ make?
14. How would you explain reconciliation (with God) to a non-Christian friend?
15. What can a person do if his or her faith is weak?

Apply It

16. What truths about Christ do you want to remember when you present the gospel to unbelieving friends?