

The Supremacy of Christ - Colossians 1:15-23

Topics

Believers, Church, Creation, Death, Doctrine, Enemies, Image, Reconciliation

Open It Questions

1. What person comes to mind when you think of greatness?

2. Whom do you look up to? Why?

3. What qualities stand out in a person you admire?

Explore It Questions

4. What is Christ's relationship to God? (1:15)

5. What is Christ's relationship to Creation? (1:15-17)

6. How do "all things . . . hold together" under Christ? (1:16-17)

7. What is Christ's relationship to the church? (1:18)

8. Why was the resurrection of Jesus significant? (1:18)

9. How did Paul explain the deity of Christ? (1:19)

10. What did God achieve through the work of His Son? (1:20)

11. How did Christ bring us to God? (1:21-22)

12. Why was reconciliation necessary? (1:21-22)

13. What is a Christian's position before God? (1:22)

14. What is the role of faith in reconciliation with God? (1:23)

15. What kind of faith did the Colossians have? (1:23)

16. What was Paul's confident expectation? (1:23)

Get It Questions

17. Why did Paul take the time to describe the qualities of Christ?

18. What difference does our understanding about Christ make?

19. How would you explain reconciliation (with God) to a non-Christian friend?

20. What does the work of Christ on your behalf mean to you?

21. In what way are we all under Christ's authority?

22. In what way are you under Christ's authority?

23. How firm is your faith?

24. What can a person do if his or her faith is weak?

Apply It Questions

25. When can you take time this week to meditate on this powerful, compelling description of Christ?

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

27. How can you strengthen your faith in Christ this week?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

A scenic background image of a mountain valley. In the foreground, there's a lush green valley with a small village of houses. The middle ground shows steep, forested hillsides. In the background, majestic mountains are partially shrouded in mist. A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, connecting the mountains and the valley.

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In the Colossian church there were several misconceptions about Christ that Paul directly refuted in this section:

- Believing that matter is evil, false teachers argued that God would not have come to earth as a true human being in bodily form. Paul stated that Christ is the image—the exact likeness—of God and is himself God, and yet he died on the cross as a human being.



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- . They believed that God did not create the world because he would not have created evil. Paul proclaimed that Jesus Christ, who was also God in the flesh, participated in the creation of the universe.



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- . They said that Christ was not the unique Son of God but rather one of many intermediaries between God and people. Paul explained that Christ existed before anything else and is the firstborn of those resurrected.



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EXPLORE IT QUESTIONS



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10. What did God achieve through the work of His Son? (1:20)

²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.



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11. How did Christ bring us to God? (1:21-22)

²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.



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11. How did Christ bring us to God? (1:21-22)

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14. What is the role of faith in reconciliation with God? (1:23)

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15. What kind of faith did the Colossians have? (1:23)

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GOT IT QUESTIONS
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APPLY IT QUESTIONS
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Paul's Labor for the Church



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