

The Preeminent Christ

Colossians 1 :15-20

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. **16** For 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. **17** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** And 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. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Jesus is the exact replica of God and therefore bears God's very image.

Jesus is firstborn, not first created.

All of creation exists by Him, through Him, and for Him.

Jesus is the divine glue that holds all things together.

The church, just like creation, was originated by Christ and is sustained by Christ.

Jesus is preeminent because all the fullness of God dwells with him and he is able to reconcile all things to himself.

Is Jesus preeminent in your life?

If all the fullness of the God of the universe dwells with Jesus, then you aren't going to find fulfillment in anything else.

If Christ sustains the entire universe and is the divine glue that holds everything together, then Christ can sustain your life.

If God's plan is to reconcile all things to, through, and for Christ, then Jesus is the only way to salvation.