

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST JESUS

Colossians 1:15–23

Key Verse: 1:18

1. Who is Jesus in relation to us and to God (13-15)? What does the “image” of God mean (Heb 1:3)? What does “the firstborn over all creation”¹ teach us (Jn 1:1,2)?
2. How is Jesus related to creation (16-17; Jn 1:3)? What does this mean to us?
3. What is the relationship of Jesus and the church (18; Eph 1:22,23)? What does it mean that Jesus is the “firstborn from the dead”? In what respects is Jesus supreme?
4. What did God do through Jesus (19-20)? Why was reconciliation necessary and how was it accomplished (21-22)? What do we need to do to be reconciled (23)?

¹ Here, the term “firstborn” does not mean created but preeminent.