

Rooted in Christ
3. The supremacy of Christ (Colossians 1v15-20)

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Introduction

- The 100 most influential people in history
- **Four relationships** that show the supremacy of Christ:

Christ and God

- Christ is the image of the invisible God (v15)
- Christ is God (v19)

Christ and creation

- Christ is the Creator (v15-16)
- Christ is the Sustainer (v17)

Christ and the church

- Christ is the head of the church (v18)
- Christ is the firstborn from among the dead (v18)

Christ and reconciliation

- Christ is the reconciler of all things (v19-20)

Conclusion

Colossians 1v15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁷ 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 and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.