

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

Can you spot the problem with these “translations” of Scripture?

John 1:1 (NWT): “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god.”

John 8:58 (NWT): “Jesus said to them: “Most truly I say to you, before Abraham came into existence, I have been.”

Titus 2:13 (NWT): “while we wait for the happy hope and glorious manifestation of the great God and of our Savior, Jesus Christ”

In **Colossians 1:15-20**, which is the stanza of praise to the Son, Paul presents to us we **2 spheres** of the supremacy of Christ for which we must praise Him and submit to Him.

1. **The Supremacy of Christ over Creation (vv. 15–17)**
2. The Supremacy of Christ over the Church (vv. 18–20)

Today we are examining on the first of these spheres, and we will see **3 titles** describing Jesus’s supremacy over creation:

1. Heir (15)
2. Creator (16)
3. Sustainer (17)

HEIR (15)

“the image of the invisible God”

Matthew 22:20

Hebrews 1:3

John 14:9

“the firstborn of all creation”

first in a sequence VS preeminence/right of possession or rule

Deuteronomy 21:17

Romans 9:11–13

Exodus 4:22–23

Exodus 19:5–6

Psalm 89:27

Hebrews 12:23

Romans 8:29

Bottom line: Jesus is “the firstborn **over** all creation”

CREATOR (16)

“all things”

“heavens...earth”

“visible...invisible”

“thrones...dominions...rulers...authorities” (cf. Colossians 2:18)

SUSTAINER (17)

“He **is**...”

“in Him all things hold together”

We owe everything to Christ.

CONCLUSION

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!” — Abraham Kuyper

Everything is Christ’s. Everything is through Christ. Everything is for Christ. And this should not be only an expression from our lips, but a way of life.