

## The Supremacy of Christ

**Read Colossians 1:15-23, then briefly consider the questions below.**

This week in Sunday School, the kids are learning that Jesus is supreme over you, me, and all of creation. Barbara Kingsolver once wrote, “Recall that whatever lofty things you might accomplish today, you will do them only because you first ate something that grew out of dirt.” There is nothing we could eat, drink, or do that was not first created or known by God. In our passage, Paul teaches about the preeminence of Christ, that “by him all things were created” (vs 16). Paul certainly reminds us of the complex nature of Jesus who is both the preeminent Son of God, and the one born of human flesh.

As we read the opening verses of this passage, one can’t help but hear Paul shouting praise to Jesus.

- Recall to memory Jesus calming the storm in Mark 4:35-39, and Jesus feeding the five thousand in Matthew 14:19-21. How do these passages support what Paul is saying about Christ’s role over creation? During his earthly ministry, how did Jesus show his supremacy over creation?

Verse 20 tells us that Christ has “reconciled” all things and made “peace by the blood of his cross.” That means reconciliation and peace are made available to us right now!

- How are you living in a state of reconciliation and peace today despite living in a world that is *not* peaceful?

As if Paul telling us of Jesus’ supremacy over creation was not enough, he concludes with an explanation of what Christ has done for humankind.

- In vs. 21 Paul reminds us that we were not always reconciled to God. What words does Paul use to describe how you and I once were before God?
- According to vs 22 what has Christ done and *why*?

Paul ends with a charge to “continue in the faith, stable and steadfast” (vs 23).

- Are you remaining stable and steadfast in the faith? How can you encourage another believer today to “continue in the faith” despite difficult trials?