

Over the last few weeks we have looked at what it means that Jesus is preeminent in all things—heaven, earth, and our lives. Today we will recap all of these ideas with one of the clearest descriptions of who Jesus is:

1. Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God

2. Col 1:15 ...the firstborn over all creation

3. Col 1:16 “For by him (Jesus) all things were created in heaven and on earth

4. Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

5. Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

6. Col 1:19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell

Why is it important for us to understand who Jesus is and what He does? Which of the truths above most resonates with you?

Col 1:21-22 *And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, you he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...* We get right relationship with God by what Christ has done!

♦ **May Christ be preeminent in our worship**

At His first coming, He was born in a stable; His second will be riding on the clouds. At His first coming, there is a crown of thorns placed on His brow; at His second, He is hailed as ruler of the universe. At His first coming, He is crucified; at His second coming, glorified.

♦ **May Christ be preeminent in our affections**

When we realize how great a treasure God is, very little can devastate us anymore.

♦ **May Christ be preeminent in our objectives**

When we realize His kingdom is more important than ours, His story becomes more important than our personal story, because we are written INTO His story.

♦ **May Christ be preeminent in our church**

We want our focus to be upon Him.

How preeminent is Jesus in the above areas of your life?

Is what God did in history real to you?

May we marvel at who He is more deeply.