

Series: Colossians—The Supremacy of Christ

Sermon: You'll Never Need a Bigger Savior

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23 (ESV)

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¹⁵ *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

¹⁶ *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

¹⁷ *And 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, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

¹⁹ *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,*

²⁰ *and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

²¹ *And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,*

²² *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,*

²³ *if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.*

1. Christ is supreme over creation (15-17)

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a. Christ is the image (15)

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b. Christ is the agent (16)

¹⁶ *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

c. Christ is the sustainer (17)

¹⁷ *And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Acts 17:28 (ESV)

²⁸ for “In him we live and move and have our being”;
as even some of your own poets have said,
“For we are indeed his offspring.”

2. Christ is supreme over redemption (18-20)

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

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a. Christ is the head (18a)

^{18a} He is the head of his body, the church.

b. Christ is the beginning (18b)

^{18b} He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

c. Christ is the reconciler (19-20)

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

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3. Christ is sufficient for us (21-23)

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