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The Power of Christ as Absolute Ruler

Colossians 1:15-20

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1. The power of Christ as absolute over creation (Colossians 1:15-17)

2. The power of Christ as absolute over the church (Colossians 1:18)

3. The power of Christ as absolute over the new creation (Colossians 1:19-20)

Table Talk

- 1) What does it mean for Christ to be the “image” of God? How does the description of “firstborn over all creation” help us understand who Jesus is? How might that description confuse us? (1:15)
- 2) Who created the universe, according to 1:16? What does a creature owe its creator? How does this truth impact what we owe Jesus? How is the universe held together? (1:17)
- 3) What special relationship does Jesus Christ have to His church? (1:18) What does it mean to be the “head”? What does it mean to be the “body”?
- 4) How is Jesus resurrection described in verse 18? Was Jesus the first person ever to be raised from the dead? What does that say about the word, “firstborn”?
- 5) What does “preeminent” mean? How is Jesus preeminent in your life?
- 6) How does Jesus reveal the fullness of God? How does His death change all of the eternal future? How much of the universe is reconciled by Christ’s death? In what way can we say that those in eternal punishment are “reconciled to Christ”? (1:19-20)