

**Series:** *Colossians: The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ*

**Lesson:** *The Cosmic Christ*

**Text:** Colossians 1:15-20 (L3)

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## INTRODUCTION

When we come to verse 15, we find ourselves wading in waters that are over our head. No less than fifteen descriptions of the glories of Jesus are listed for us in verses 14-20. For starters, Jesus is revealed to be divine, creative, eternal, majestic, authoritative, redemptive, mediatory, substitutionary, and reconciliatory. In summary, Jesus is the Lord of creation (vv. 15-17) and the Lord of redemption (vv. 18-20). In these verses we learn that Jesus is supreme, for He is the cosmic Christ.

Colossians 1:15-20 is an incredibly Christ-focused, Christ-exalting passage, and it is our privilege this morning to gaze upon "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Corinthians 4:6). As we "behold His glory" this morning (John 1:14), we will organize what we see into three main considerations.

## CHRIST IN RELATION TO GOD: HIS GLORIOUS \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15a)

**Application:** Discuss how the following excerpt from the above lesson should bear on our lives: "If you want to know God (cf. Colossians 1:9-10), you must know Jesus. If you want to learn how God thinks and feels, what He does or how He would respond, what He desires and dislikes, what pleases Him and what grieves Him, then you need to learn from Jesus."

## CHRIST IN RELATION TO THE UNIVERSE: HIS GLORIOUS \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 15b-17)

1. *Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe (v. 15b).*

2. *He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe (v. 16).*

3. *He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe (v. 17).*

**Application:** Putting aside, for a moment, Christ's role as Savior, how does this understanding of Christ's eternal, creating, sustaining, glorious power impact you? What attitudes should it evoke? What pursuits should it direct? Etc. How should the knowledge that we were created "for" Christ and that He's actively sustaining us change us?

## CHRIST IN RELATION TO THE CHURCH: HIS GLORIOUS \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-20)

1. *He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church (v. 18a).*

2. *He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church (vv. 18b, 20).*

3. *He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church (vv. 18c-19).*

**Application:** How does the church keep Christ as supreme in its life?

## CONCLUSION

As we continue through Colossians, let this one truth echo in our minds and push us toward greater comprehensions of our completeness in Christ: Christ is supreme; therefore, He is sufficient!