

# Sermon Notes for Young People

April 21, 2019 | Colossians 1:15-20, "Preeminent Christ"

## I. Introduction

## II. Main Argument

### A. **Preeminent in Creation (vv. 15-17)**

1. Firstborn of Creation (v. 15)
  - a. What does it mean to be "God's image"?
  - b. Was Mankind a perfect Image of God prior to the Fall and sin? How so?
  - c. What two meanings does "firstborn" have? In what sense is Jesus "firstborn" of creation
2. Source of Creation (v. 16)
  - a. Why is it wrong to believe Jesus is the "First Creature," and how do we know that?
  - b. What does Paul include and not include when he describes Jesus as the source of all things?
  - c. What is the purpose of Creation?
3. Sustainer of Creation (v. 17): What does Christ have to do in order for life to cease?

### B. **Preeminent in the Church (v. 18)**

1. Head of the Church
  - a. How does Paul describe Christ's relationship to His Church as more intimate than with the rest of His Creation?
  - b. How does the metaphor of *Head* and *Body* describe the roles of Christ and His Church?

c. How are church members interdependent?

1) Romans 12:4-5

2) I Corinthians 12:24-28

d. What are ways we can better reflect our status and fill our role as the body of Christ

### 2. Head of the Resurrection

a. Why do we worship on this day?

b. Why does Christ's victory over death assure His people that death has no power for them?

3. Head of All Things: How does Christ's victory over death assure us of His headship over all?

### C. **Preeminent in Re-Creation (vv. 19-20)**

1. Fullness of God (v. 19): is it possible to supplement or improve the access Christ grants?

2. Fullness of Reconciliation (v. 20a)

a. What does *reconcile* mean?

b. Why did God make the world?

c. Is reconciliation with God automatic?

3. Full Cost Paid (v. 20b)

a. What did Christ take on Himself at the cross?

b. Why did God not simply destroy the world He made once sin entered it?

## III. Questions for my Parents or the Pastor: