

## Christ Is LORD of All

Colossians 1:15-23

Intro: The Apostle Paul counters the false teachers in Colossae by presenting Jesus Christ as preeminent over all creation and the church. He is the LORD of All!

### I. Christ's Position With the Father 1:15

A. Christ is "the image of the invisible God" (v. 15a)

1. The image or manifestation of God
2. The revelation as God (Heb. 1:1-3; John 14:8-11)

B. Christ is "the firstborn of all creation" (v. 15b)

1. Priority in time: *a firstborn child* (Luke 2:7)
2. Priority in rank: *one who is preeminent in rank or honor* (Ps. 89:27)



### II. Christ's Preeminence In Creation 1:16-17

A. Christ as the Agent of creation (v. 16; John 1:3; Heb. 1:2)

B. Christ as the goal of creation (v. 16)

C. Christ as the Sustainer of creation (v. 17)

### III. Christ's Preeminence Over the Church 1:18-23

A. He is head of the body, the church (v. 18a)

B. He is firstborn from the dead (v. 18b)

C. He is divine: His union of deity and humanity (v. 19; 2:9; John 1:14)

D. He provides reconciliation (vv. 20-23)

1. Christ's reconciliation of all things to Himself (vv. 20-22)
2. Christians are exhorted to faith in the gospel (v. 23)

Points to Ponder:

*"For in Him, Christ, all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form."*  
Colossians 2:9