

The Sovereignty of God

The sovereignty of God is the foundational issue of scripture.

If God is not sovereign, then He is not worthy of worship.

If God is not in total control, we cannot trust Him with every part of our life.

If God does not have authority, He cannot direct everything to meet His purpose.

Unless we understand the sovereignty of God, we can never fully trust Him.

Where God's sovereignty is most clearly shown is through His Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus has dominion over all things.

THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS

Colossians 1:15-17

Our text declares that in Jesus, God's complete and perfect revelation is fully revealed.

Four truths about Jesus in Colossians 1:15-17

I. JESUS IS GOD **Colossians 1:15a**

Jesus is not just a symbol of God; He is God Himself.

Jesus is the visible image of the invisible God.

He both represents and manifests God to the world.

John 1:18

II. JESUS IS THE UNIQUE SON OF GOD **Colossians 1:15b**

Jesus is not only God;

He existed before anything was created --- and is supreme over all creation

John 1:18; John 14:8, 9; Hebrews 1:3; 2 Corinthians 4:4

III. JESUS IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS **Colossians 1:16**

Jesus is the image of God and the exalted one over all creation because He is the Creator.

Colossians 1 declares that Jesus is the Sovereign creator, not one who was himself created.

All the thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers on heaven and earth,
are under the authority of Christ because He created them.

Jesus has no rival.

He is Lord of all.

Jesus is not only the creator; He also provides the purpose for His creation:

The goal of all creation is to glorify Christ. **Revelation 4:11**

IV. JESUS HOLDS ALL THINGS TOGETHER **Colossians 1:17**

He is not only the Creator of the world; He is the cohesion that keeps it all together.

By Him everything came to be, and by Him everything continues to be.

Hebrews 1:3a

Jesus holds everything together by His powerful word.

If He were to remove His sustaining power, everything would dissolve into disorder.

Remember that there is no crisis in heaven. He will be exalted among the nations.

Philippians 2:9; Philippians 2:10, 11; Romans 14:11-13

Every person shall acknowledge him as God!

Every person will admit his right to universal dominion.