The Supremacy of Jesus COLOSSIANS 1:18-23

I. JESUS IS SUPREME IN EVERYTHING.

a. Jesus is the head of the church – which is his body.

Only Jesus qualifies to be the head of the church.

If Jesus Christ is not supreme in a church, then there is no church.

b. Jesus is the beginning – which means he is the source.

The church is the creation of Christ and as such we must follow His lead.

c. Jesus is supreme over all who rise from the dead.

His resurrection is the guarantee that we too will rise again.

d. Jesus is first in everything.

II. GOD IN ALL HIS FULLNESS LIVES IN CHRIST.

Colossians 2:8-9

"all the fullness of God" means the "sum total of all the divine power and attributes."

Colossians 2:10

You are complete because you are united with Christ

III. GOD RECONCILED EVERYTHING TO HIMSELF THROUGH CHRIST.

Colossians 1:20

Notice four elements about the reconciliation of Christ in this verse:

1. The Focus is to reconcile everything to Himself.

The initiative and action must come from Him.

2. The Scope is "everything"

Reconciliation involves the whole universe.

3. The Result is "peace."

Through Jesus, our hostility with God can end.

4. The Means is "Christ's blood on the cross"

Achieved only through the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross.

IV. JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

Jesus Christ is Lord!

- a. He's Lord of Creation.
- b. He's Lord of His Church
- c. He's Lord of me!