



## FOR PEOPLE ON THE GROW "King Jesus" Colossians 1:15-20

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Mention of the "Kingdom of the Son" launched Paul into a magnificent description of Jesus the King. Life in the Kingdom is related to appreciation of the King. Paul knew the Colossians needed to be clear on this point. So do we!

### I. The Magnificence of King Jesus.

#### A. Magnificent in the creation.

1. "Image of the invisible God." v. 15a
  - a. Creation – man in God's image. Genesis 1:26f
  - b. Incarnation – Christ the image of God.
  - c. Regeneration – man restored. 2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29
2. "Firstborn over all creation." v. 15b
  - a. Not the first created being. See vv. 16, 17
  - b. Firstborn = heir of all things. See Hebrews 1:1, 2
3. "By Him all things were created." v. 16
  - a. "In Him" – the sphere of creation.
  - b. "Through Him" – the agent of creation.
  - c. "For Him" – the goal of creation.
4. "He is before all things." v. 17a
  - a. His prior existence. See John 1:1
  - b. His superior status.
5. "In Him all things hold together." v. 17b
  - a. He maintains and sustains.
  - b. He is the unifying factor.

#### B. Magnificent in the Church.

1. "The Head of the Body." v. 18a
  - a. He controls.
  - b. He coordinates.
2. "The beginning and firstborn from the dead." v. 18b
  - a. Supreme conqueror of death.
  - b. Beginning of newness of life.
  - c. Risen living dynamic of the church.
3. "In everything...Supremacy." v. 18c

#### C. Magnificent in the Christian.

1. "All His fullness dwelt in Him." v. 19
  - a. Incarnation.
  - b. Gnostic idea of "fullness" – totality of emanations?
  - c. Christ the sole and sufficient Mediator.
2. "Through Him to reconcile." v. 20a
  - a. Reconciliation.
  - b. God's initiative for a fallen world.
  - c. Christ's ministry of restoration.
3. "Through His blood..." v. 20b
  - a. Redemption.
  - b. Harmony of all things.
  - c. Eventual fulfillment.

### II. The Significance of King Jesus.

#### A. Head of creation and church.

1. No dichotomy between material and spiritual.
2. He is Lord of "sacred" and "secular."

#### B. He is supreme and sufficient.

1. He creates and controls the universe.
2. So He can support and supply His people.

#### C. He is unifying and unique.

1. We add nothing to Him.
2. We keep nothing from Him.