



CHRIST THE KING
ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER IN HIM



THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF THE SAVIOR (PT 2)

Colossians 1.18-20

Main Idea

The supremacy of Jesus in all things should lead us to savor the sufficiency of Jesus in all things.

Overview

I. Jesus is Supreme because He is the Head of the Church

- “Head” means:
 - First, “head” means Jesus is the ruler of and supreme over the church – he is the King
 - Second, the image of “head” means that Jesus is the source of the church’s life

II. Jesus is Supreme because He Conquered Death and Offers New Life

- Jesus is the beginning – this means, at least in part, that Jesus was the first – as in chronological time – to rise from the dead
- He’s not only first as in order, but first as in new kind of life. Jesus is not only first in time, but a first in type
- The resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee and demonstration of what is and is to come for those who trust in him alone for salvation
- Because there’s an empty tomb on earth, there’s an occupied throne in heaven. And the person on that throne, Jesus, has preeminence in all things

III. Jesus is Sufficient Because He Alone is God Incarnate

- “Fullness” – Jesus is not mostly God or partly God; he is fully God
- In the Old Testament God chose to manifest himself in a particular place, the tabernacle, the temple. Now God chooses to manifest himself in a particular person, Jesus. It was God’s pleasure to make Jesus the permanent dwelling place of his fullness
- This also points to sufficiency of Jesus Christ – he is unique being fully God and fully human

IV. Jesus is Sufficient because He Alone Reconciles All Things

- Peace is not just lack of conflict or even being at ‘peace’ with yourself, but completeness, perfection; true peace is not just the absence of fighting, but the presence of flourishing; true peace is when all things are the way they are supposed to be.
- The Bible provides a unique framework to view the world. It provides an answer as to why things are not the way they are supposed to be, yet holds out hope that it will get better. The Christian faith is realistic yet optimistic at the same time.
- Jesus makes peace through his death on the cross.