

Salt Church
Colossians 1:15-22
“So Much More!”
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The Supremacy of Jesus Christ

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Recap

Colossians 1:13-14

- This is where we left off

¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

- God the Father rescued us from darkness and transferred us into the family of God through the precious blood of Jesus.

I want to continue in this thought pattern:

Colossians 1:21

²¹ This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

- God has rescued, transferred, and purchased us.
 - He rescued us from the Kingdom of darkness (Why)
 - Because we once were far away from Him.
 - We were enemies of God

- What made us His enemy?
 - Our evil thoughts and actions

We need to stop right here and meditate on what we just agreed upon.

- Every single person ever created falls into this category
 - EVERY SINGLE PERSON
 - Here is the category
 - ***“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”***
 - EVERYONE!

Do you know what this means?

- It means...
 - When people ask the question, “why do bad things happen to good people?” we can truly say that there are no good people.
 - Why?
 - Because our definition of good does not come from a comparison of men.
 - You may be better than someone else but that does not make you good.
 - If we open the trash can and determine that a piece of garbage is better than another piece of garbage that can be true but, it’s still garbage.

Here is another very important truth:

- There has only been one good man born unto man (Jesus Christ)

- And yes, your question would be valid if you asked “Why do bad things happen to good people?” if you understand that He is the only good person ever born.
 - The very simple answer is OUR SIN

The better question is this:

- How does a perfect, just, and Holy God keep from pouring out His wrath on a wicked, sin loving people, who by their actions consistently prove that they are His enemies?

Now here is the temptation for us:

- **If we were asked those questions**, we would immediately point to Gods love.
 - We would point to God’s grace and mercy.
 - We would say:

But God...

- **Transferred us into the Kingdom of Heaven through the sacrifice of Jesus**
- **Jesus**
 - **Purchased our freedom and forgiveness**

If you grew up in the church you know this as the gospel or the good news of Jesus Christ

But there is a danger in growing up in the Bible belt.

- It’s the “easy believism” of our culture
- It’s the “just say this prayer”

- It's "I have been baptized"
- It's "do you believe in Jesus" as if that is all that is required.

Hear me church!

- **IT IS LORDSHIP** that defines the child of God as a child of God.

- **Lordship means**
 - I submit to the authority of the Holy Bible, why?
 - **John 1:1- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.***
 - **Submission to the Word is submission to Jesus as Lord**
 - It is what all four gospels agree upon
 - It is what Jesus expressed every time someone came to Him and asked "what must I do to be saved."

But here is the crazy thing about our culture

- We call people to confession
- We call people to repentance (change their mind about sin)
 - **And we should**
 - Because our and their eternity is at stake!
- When they ask why we lean into Jesus
 - We talk about His love and His sacrifice
 - And those things are true
 - **But there is so much more**

So here is the goal for today:

- I want to show you the "***So Much More***"

- To fully understand the sacrifice of King Jesus we must first see Him for who He really is!

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. ¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. ¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,

²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Those are some the most powerful words ever written!

Now, let's keep in mind who wrote those powerful words

- Paul penned them

- **But The Holy Spirit is the author**

- With this in mind let's look at what the Holy Spirit has said about Jesus and ask ourselves this question:

- *When confronted with our sin and rebellion why would The Holy Spirit and Paul point to Christ Supremacy over all?*

15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

- Jesus said that *if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father for, I and the Father are one.*
 - There is a mystery to that statement and what is written here in Colossians 1.
 - How can two beings be one?
 - How can something invisible have an image?

God is mysterious and He always will be for if He ever stops being mysterious, He will no longer be God.

- The reality of those statements is this:
 - We are not expected to fully understand them
 - **We are expected to believe them**
 - And believe that Jesus is like no other

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

- “He” is referring to Jesus
- There were false teachers within the Colossian church who were teaching untrue things about Jesus.
 - **The 1st issue was the claim or belief that Jesus is a created being.**
 - Just another dude who happened to be like us
 - Do you see what the enemy is trying to steal from Jesus?

- Jesus and the entire Bible does not allow for us to see Jesus as anyone other than Lord
 - CS Lewis (Liar, Lunatic, or Lord)
 - These are the only options!

¹⁶for through him ~~God created everything~~ (was created) in the heavenly realms and on earth.

- Why is that important?
 - Because Paul's whole point is that Jesus is God
 - He is God the Son

So, Jesus created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth (EVERYTHING!)

- Paul's point is that if Jesus was a created being, He could not have created all things.
 - And His death on the cross is just another dead guy whose sacrifice meant nothing.

He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—

- That would be everything
 - But just in case there is any question Paul explains what he means...

such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

- This is a lot to process
- Jesus has determined who will be king

- Not only king but president, ruler, even dictator.
- Jesus determined kingdoms
 - He determined the boundary lines of countries and states.
- Jesus has also assigned angels to the spiritual world which help in the governance of the physical world
- Jesus has also determined who is in charge as it is related to the demonic world.

What we are agreeing with is simply this, Jesus is sovereign over all creation.

- Jesus is supreme

Everything was created through him and for him.

- All of this “everything” belongs to Him
- Jesus is God and He reigns supreme over all things
- Based upon Jesus’ claims and the Biblical account Jesus could only be one of three things:
 - Liar
 - Lunatic
 - Lord

What does that mean?

- The Bible leaves no room for Jesus to be understood as:
 - Just a great teacher
 - Just a great prophet
 - Just a good moral man
 - No Jesus claimed to be one with the Father

- He said that if you have seen “Me” you have seen the Father
 - He said “I AM”
 - Jesus claimed to be God!
 - This is extremely important when we consider what He did on the cross.

Everything was created through him and for him.

- That statement alone leaves man with only one choice
 - Believe that Jesus is God
 - Or reject that Jesus is God

¹⁷He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

- There are those who believe that God created and set everything in motion.
 - They do not believe that God is involved in the everyday affairs of man.
 - It is as if God is a toy maker that created this toy called the universe and HE wound it up and has released it to see what it will do.

People who believe that do not know the Bible nor do they know Him as sovereign Lord.

- **Psalm 103:19** – "The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all."

- **Psalm 115:3** – "Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases."
- **Psalm 135:6** – "The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths."
- **Daniel 4:35** – "All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'"
- **Ephesians 1:11** – "In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will."
- **Romans 8:28** – "And we know that in ***all things*** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
- **Isaiah 46:10** – "My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please."
- **Job 42:2** – "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted."

- **Proverbs 16:9** – "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."
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- **Proverbs 16:33** – "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord."
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- **1 Chronicles 29:11** – "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours."

The Bible does not allow for Jesus to be anything but Lord over all.

¹⁸ Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body.

- The head controls the body
- All thought and action begins in the head

He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.

- The Greek says that Jesus is the "first-born of those who rise from the dead"
- Meaning we can look to Him as evidence of what life looks like after death
- What do we know from scripture?
 - Jesus has a physical body that can be seen and felt
 - Jesus also ate, walked , and talked with His disciples after His resurrection.
 - His body has a physical component to it but it was not governed by the laws of physics.

- He would disappear and reappear in other locations.
- He walked on water
- There is no record of Him being tired or sleeping after His resurrection.
- He was known, meaning He was recognizable to His family and His disciples.

He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.

- He is our supreme example and He is supremely over us.

So he is first in everything.

- There is no one above Him.
 - Again, He must be a liar, lunatic, or Lord, for there are no other options.

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, ²⁰ and through him God reconciled everything to himself.

- God the Father delighted in Jesus' life here on earth, why?
 - **God wanted to be reconciled to everything Himself.**
 - This flies in the face of the made-up Greek Gods that stayed in high and lofty places demanding that the earthlings appease their every desire.

God the Father desires to reconciled to sinful man!

- Here is the crazy part
 - God has done nothing wrong!!!!

Even with that being true God creates a way for all of creation to be reconciled to Him through Jesus.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

- Everything?
 - Pastor the world is a mess
 - How can He say that He has made peace with everything?

Because Jesus is supreme over all creation

- Because Jesus is sinless
- Because He submitted to the Father's will and freely gave His life for sinful man
- Because God demonstrated His love for Jesus and sinful man and accepted Jesus sacrifice for our sin
 - The proof of that acceptance being Jesus' resurrection from the dead
 - Because Jesus said "It is finished" and it was is proof that this statement is true.

Pastor, I don't see it!

- It is because you are not looking for the right thing
 - You are looking for global peace and harmony
 - That day will come
 - But we live in the "already but not yet"
 - Meaning we can have peace in our lives right now in a very broken world.

- We can have peace that passes understanding
 - That peace has been used by God to draw so many unto Himself.

Okay Pastor but why is God waiting?

- Because the full number of sinners to be saved has not been reached.
- It is God's grace and mercy that He does not pour out His judgment and wrath upon sinful man right now!

But Pastor why did Jesus have to die?

The answer to that question is found throughout the entire Old Testament and the New.

- **Hebrews 9:22** "There can be no forgiveness without the shedding of blood."
 - In the Old Testament animals were slaughtered by the thousands to teach the simple truth (sin = death)
- **Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

Here is the best news ever!

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into

his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

To fully understand the cost of your salvation we must have an understanding of who it was that died for us.

- He is Jesus Christ our Lord
- He is God the Son
- He is Jesus Christ Supreme over ALL