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“Why is it that some Christians cross land and sea, continents and cultures, as missionaries? What on earth impels them? It is not in order to commend a civilization, an institution or an ideology, but rather a person, Jesus Christ, whom they believe to be unique.” John Stott

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SUPREME OVER CREATION (v15-17)

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¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:15–17

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“God is invisible, which does not merely mean that He cannot be seen by our bodily eye, but that He is unknowable. In the exalted Christ the unknowable God becomes known.”

Arthur Peake

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SUPREME OVER THE CHURCH (v18-19)

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¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

Colossians 1:18–19

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SUPREME OVER YOU (v20-23)

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**²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood
of his cross.**

**²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,
doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of
flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and
blameless and above reproach before him,**

Colossians 1:20–22

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**²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast,
not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard,
which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven,
and of which I, Paul, became a minister.**

Colossians 1:23

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**BIG IDEA: Jesus is supreme over creation.
Jesus is supreme over His church. Therefore,
Jesus is supreme over you.**

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“I love Jesus Christ. And as I say it, I want to make clear what I mean: I admire Jesus Christ more than any other human or angelic being. I enjoy his ways and his words more than I enjoy the ways and words of anyone else. I want his approval more than I want the approval of anyone else....

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...I want to be with him more than I want to be with anyone else. I feel more grateful to him for what he has done for me than I do to anyone else.

I trust his words more fully than I trust what anyone else says. I am more glad in his exaltation than in the exaltation of anyone else, including me. Would you pray with me that we would love Jesus Christ more than we ever have?” – John

Piper

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