

Scripture:

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 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. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Notes:

Who's Biggest? The 100 Most Significant Figures in History (TIME Magazine)

5. Abraham Lincoln
4. William Shakespeare
3. Muhammad
2. Napoleon
1. Jesus Christ

“But of all the Bible's teaching about Jesus Christ, none is more significant than Colossians 1:15-19. This dramatic and powerful passage removes any needless doubt or confusion over Jesus' true identity. It is vital to a proper understanding of the Christian faith.” —John MacArthur

Christ sits on the throne of all lords

- THE Image of the invisible God
- Firstborn of all creation
- IN Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
- To know God, look to Christ

Deuteronomy 10:17, For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

- Psalm 163:3, Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 1 Timothy 6:15-16
- Revelation 17:14
- Revelation 19:16

Christ sits on the throne of all creation

- BY Him all things were created
- THROUGH Him...
- FOR Him...

- He's BEFORE all things
- He holds together all things

Christ sits on the throne of salvation (vs. 18-20)

- Head of the church
- The Beginning
- Firstborn from the dead
- Preeminent
- THROUGH Him all things reconciled to God
- THROUGH Him peace made BY the blood

IS CHRIST SITTING ON THE THRONE OF YOUR LIFE?

- Christ is at the Center
- Christ's message (the Gospel) is global...not just for us.

"...no single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!' " —Abraham Kuyper

THIS WEEK...(application, so what?)

1. Confess — ask God to show you how you have been living life as if Jesus is a panelist instead of preeminent.
 2. Celebrate — Begin your day with "new mercies" in mind, and thank God for them.
 3. Spread the Word — We've been reconciled so that we can have the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18)
1. and families fighting COVID.