

Name	Date	Audience
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 **ACTION:**  
Live for Christ as supreme over all time and places.

## Restoring the Supremacy of Christ to our Worldview (Colossians 1:15-20)

### OPENING AND PROBLEM ANALYSIS

Problem:

Christ is not supreme in our worldview

It has these important manifestations:

- Christ-awareness shrinks when we don't see Christ in the first creation (the world)
- Christ-worship shrinks when we don't see Christ in the re-creation (the church)
- Christ-hope shrinks when we don't see Christ in the new creation (heaven)

Allusion to the Solution:

The Colossians had a similar problem and were suffering similar consequences. Christ was not supreme in their worldview. Christ was squeezed out of or down in their world view and others were taking his place. It damaged their view of creation, the church, and the consummation (future).

### TRANSITION

Where then do we see Christ's supremacy? We begin with Christ's place in and relationship to this world.

### FIRST INSIGHT

Christ is supreme in the first creation (15-17)

Data:

- He is the beginning of all things
- He is the end of all things
- He holds together all things

### TRANSITION

But the first creation is broken and dysfunctional. Can Christ do anything about that? Yes, Christ is re-creating this broken world in and through his church

### SECOND INSIGHT

Christ is supreme in the re-creation (18)

Data:

- He is the head of the church
- He is the life of the church

### TRANSITION

But the church is also broken and dysfunctional. Can Christ do anything about that? For that we must look to the new creation.

### THIRD INSIGHT

Christ is supreme in the new creation (19-20)

Data:

- He is the fulness of God
- He is the reconciler to God

### TRANSITION

Do you see how Christ will be first and most in heaven  
Let's sum up Christ's firstness and mostness in every dimension.

### CLOSING/CALL TO ACTION

1. PROBLEM: When Christ is not supreme in our worldview, we don't see him in the past, present or future. This diminishes consciousness of Christ, worship of Christ, and hope of on Christ. 2. INSIGHTS: Christ is supreme (1) In the first creation; (2) The re-creation; and (3) The new creation. 3. ACTION: Live for Christ as supreme over all time and places to increase Christ-consciousness, Christ-worship, and Christ-hope.

