

JESUS IS LORD OF CREATION

Colossians 1:15-17

INTRODUCTION: The false teachers in the Colosse church believed all matter was evil. Therefore, God couldn't have created the world Himself. Instead, God created a lesser creature who in returned created other lesser creatures until one of them created the world. Jesus was just one of those creatures. Paul confronts these false teachers with the truth that Jesus Christ is supreme and sovereign over all His creation.

I. PERSON OF CHRIST

A. HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD. (v.15)

1. Like Caesar's portrait on a coin. (Matt. 22:20)
 - a. He is the "express image of his person." (Heb. 1:3)
2. Jesus reveals the Father. (Jn. 1:18)

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. (Jn. 14:9)

B. HE IS THE FIRST-BORN.

1. It does not mean that Jesus was a created being.
2. It does mean highest in rank.

II. THE POWER OF CHRIST

A. HIS POWER TO CREATE. (v.16)

Worlds were framed by the Word of God. (Heb. 11:3)

All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. (Jn. 1:3)

B. HIS POWER TO CREATE THE ANGELS. (v. 16b)

C. HIS POWER TO SUSTAIN HIS CREATION. (v.17)

Upholding all things by the word of his power. (Heb. 1:3)

Physicists tell us that the atoms are made up of protons and neutrons which have space in between them. There is a power that hold them together. The atom bomb released that energy.

III. THE PLEASURE OF CHRIST

A. FULFILLING HIS WILL BRINGS HIM PLEASURE. (Eph. 1:5-14)

B. CREATION BRINGS HIM PLEASURE. (v.16b)

The twenty four elders "cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (Rev. 4:4:10-11)

IV. THE PRAISE OF CHRIST (v.17a)

A. THE HEAVENS ARE TO PRAISE JESUS. (Ps. 148:5)

B. THE EARTH IS TO PRAISE JESUS. (Ps. 148:13)

1. The creation of Heaven and earth reveals Christ deity.
2. Jesus as the Creator is Master, Ruler and only Authority over creation.
3. Jesus became man's only Savior by His incarnation.