

The Greatest King--Jesus!
Colossians 1:13-20
Sermon Series: Clash Of Kingdoms, Pt.3
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Revelation 19:16, *On His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.*

Why Is Jesus The Greatest King?

Colossians 1:13, *For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.*

1. He Is The King Over His KINGDOM!

Colossians 1:13, *For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...*

Matthew 28:18, *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”*

2. He Is The King Over Our SINS!

Colossians 1:14, *...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Matthew 20:28, *“... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

3. He Is The Image Of The INVISIBLE GOD

Colossians 1:15, *The Son is the image of the invisible God...*

John 1:14, *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth... ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.*

John 14:9, *Jesus said to him...He who has seen Me has seen the Father...*

4. He Is Supreme OVER ALL CREATION

Colossians 1:15, *...the firstborn of all creation.*

*The term “firstborn” refers to rank not time.

Exodus 4:22, *Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Israel is My son, My firstborn.”’*

Psalms 89:27, *“I also shall make Him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.”*

John 1:1, *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

5. He Is The Uncreated Creator And Sustainer OF ALL THINGS

Colossians 1:16, *For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have*

been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

John 1:3, *All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

Hebrews 1:3, *And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power...*

6. He Is The Head Of The Body - **THE CHURCH**

Colossians 1:18, *He is also head of the body, the church...*

*Ekklesia - Greek word meaning, a congregation or assembly of people who have been “called out for salvation, baptism & mission”.

*The term “church” can be used in two senses: “Universal” or “Local”.

7. He Is Supreme Over The **RESURRECTION**

Colossians 1:18, *...and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

*The term “beginning” means Origin, Leader, Active Cause, or Ruler.

1 Corinthians 15:20, *But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep... ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in His own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming...*

*The term “first fruits” means that which is preeminent or the “cream of the crop”.

8. He Is The **FULLNESS OF ALL THINGS**

Colossians 1:19, *For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him...*

*We have already seen that Christ is the fullness of our forgiveness, redemption, as well as the full expression of God. However, Jesus is also the fullness of God and the fullness of our hope.

Colossians 2:9, *For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head...*

Colossians 1:27, *...to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

9. He Is The **RECONCILER** Of All Things To God

Colossians 1:20, *...and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

*That reconciliation can include a sinful you.

Colossians 1:21, *And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, ²² yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven...*

Revelation 5:11, *Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many... ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”*

Upcoming Opportunities:

1) Please pray for VBS this week.

- 2) Prepare now for the Explore God Spiritual Growth Campaign beginning in September.