## Sermon Reflections

The preeminence of Christ • Col 1:15-23

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<u>Summary</u>: Understanding the preeminence of Christ is important because it tis the bedrock of the Christian faith.

- 1. Jesus is God (:15)
  - a. How does this reality guide your life, your pursuits? Are there any areas of your life not grounded by this truth? Are there any relationships where this truth is not central?
  - b. How does this reality guide your conversations?
  - c. In what ways could greater thought on this truth strengthen your faith and guide your life?
- 2. Jesus is Creator (:16)
  - a. How does understanding God's purpose for your existence (God's glory) influence your life?
  - b. How does this truth motivate your daily worship and service of Christ?
- 3. Jesus is the Sustainer (:17)
  - a. Your continued existence is only by Christ's will. How does that truth impact the focus of your life? How is that manifested in your response to trials?
- 4. Jesus is the head of the church (:18)
  - a. Why is Christ's headship foundational to the existence of the church? What are examples of current attacks on Christ's headship? How can you strengthen your faith to refute these attacks?
- 5. Jesus is the reconciler (:19-20)
  - a. How does an understanding of your former condition and Christ's reconciling work influence your interaction with others? What are situations in which you focus more on the difficulty/ offense than on Christ's forgiveness?
- 6. Jesus' reconciliation applied (:21-23)
  - a. In what ways do you seek to grow in applying these truths in your life? How would a greater understanding of these truths strengthen your faith and impact your walk?
  - b. How do the trails of life encourage you to hold fast to the gospel?