

## The Supremacy of Christ Over Creation

Colossians 1:15-20; Revelation 21:1-6

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### Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

### Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment."

### Table Discussion Questions:

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1. Why is it important to understand that Christianity is not merely a "spirituality"?
2. What things in your life do you sometimes feel are beyond Christ's control, influence, or even interest?
3. According to Colossians 1:16-17, what is Christ's relationship to the things you just mentioned? How should this shape the way we think about these things, and the way we pray about them?
4. In light of Christ's supremacy over creation, why is His crucifixion on the cross so surprising?
5. Colossians 1:18 refers to Christ as, "the firstborn from the dead." How does this title reflect Christ's supremacy, and what does it mean for the lives (and bodies) of believers?
6. According to Revelation 21:5-6, how will Christ finally fulfill His supremacy over creation? What must we do in order to experience this?