

## THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

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  1. being the image of God (15), with the fullness of God dwelling in him (19)?
  2. creating all things in heaven and earth (16) and holds all things together (17)?
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- ▶ What does it mean to be alienated and hostile in mind to God (21)? Is it difficult to think of yourself as these, and one who does "evil deeds" outside of Christ?
- ▶ How did you try to present yourself as holy and blameless, as "enough" to God before your relationship with Christ? Do you still struggle with trying to do this?
- ▶ What does it mean to be reconciled and how did it happen (vs. 20, 22)?
- ▶ Do you believe you are presently being presented holy, blameless, and above reproach before God (22)?

### **III. THE PERSEVERANCE OF FAITH**

- ▶ What is required of us in vs. 23?
- ▶ How can you practically "continue in the faith" and "the hope of the gospel"?

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"Would you want to watch a football game where all the players were no better than you? Or watch a movie where the actors could act no better than you and were no better looking than you? Or go to a museum to see pictures by painters who could paint no better than you? Why are we willing to be exposed in all these places as utterly inferior? How can we get so much joy out of watching people magnify their superiority over us? The biblical answer is that we were made by God to get our deepest joys not from being superior ourselves but from enjoying God's superiority. All these other experiences are parables. God's superiority is absolute in every way, which means our joy in it may be greater than we could ever imagine."

"If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great."

- John Piper

**A Video: The Supremacy of Christ**  
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