

The supremacy of Christ

Colossians 1:18-20

- I. Jesus is supreme over the church – all believers (Colossians 1:18).
 - A. Jesus is the “head” of the body (1:18a).
 - We belong to Him and must obey Him.
 - B. Jesus is the “beginning and the firstborn” of the church (1:18b).
 - Jesus founded the church as the first one to be eternally resurrected.

- II. Jesus must be the ultimate priority in everything we do (Colossians 1:18c-20).
 - A. Jesus has ultimate supremacy and priority because He is God (1:18c, 19; 2:9).

Submitting to Christ’s supremacy

 - **Jesus** – Please Him [Jesus] (Colossians 1:10).
 - **Bible** – Let the word of Christ dwell in you... teaching one another (Colossians 3:16).
 - **Paul the apostle** – Follow me [*imitate me*], as I follow Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1).
 - **Church leaders** – ... Your leaders who spoke the word of God... Submit to them (Hebrews 13:7, 17).
 - **Other authorities God ordained** – Home, Work, Political (Col. 3:18-25; Rom. 13:1-2).
 - B. Jesus has priority because God reconciled sinful man to himself through Jesus (1:20).