

SERMON NOTES Sunday 4 February

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Bible passages: Proverbs 8.1,22-31; Colossians 1.15-20

Introduction

- Letter to Colossians written because people in church were being misled by false teaching
- Paul's emphasis is on the supremacy of Christ and what it means for believers in him

Supremacy of the Son of God

1. Christ is Lord of creation

- Firstborn of creation – heir to rights and privileges of God
- Created all things (cp John 1)
- Not only created world but holds it together

2. Christ is Lord of redemption

- Head of the Church because he reconciled us to God through what he did on the cross
- Prince of Peace will ultimately quell all rebellion against God and his purposes

Passage reminds us

- Correct balance in our relationship with God (creator:created)
- We depend on Christ for our daily needs
- Physical stuff matters
- Salvation is a gift not something we can earn

Conclusion

Response to who Jesus is and what he has done is awe, gratitude and worship

Some questions for discussion

1. What words would you use to describe Jesus Christ?
2. Read Colossians 1.15-20. What do you notice?
3. Jesus has been described as the self-portrait of God. What does this passage tell us about God?
4. Read Proverbs 8.1, 22-31. How does this deepen your understanding of what it means to say that Jesus has been with God since the beginning (see also John 1)?
5. In what ways do you find it encouraging (and challenging) that Christ is Lord of redemption? It is about grace and not something we can earn.
6. Rebecca said that our response to the supremacy of Christ is awe, gratitude and worship. Do you agree? How might you respond to this truth today?
7. What is God asking you to do as a result of what he has said to you through these passages? It might be something to pray about, something to think more about, something he wants you to talk to someone about or something he wants you to do. Make a note of it so you don't forget!

Jesus is 'the image of the invisible God' (Colossians 1.15)

Why not spend some time thanking God that Jesus shows us who he is and ask him how you could make him more fully Lord of your life?

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