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“A Song of Christ’s Supremacy”

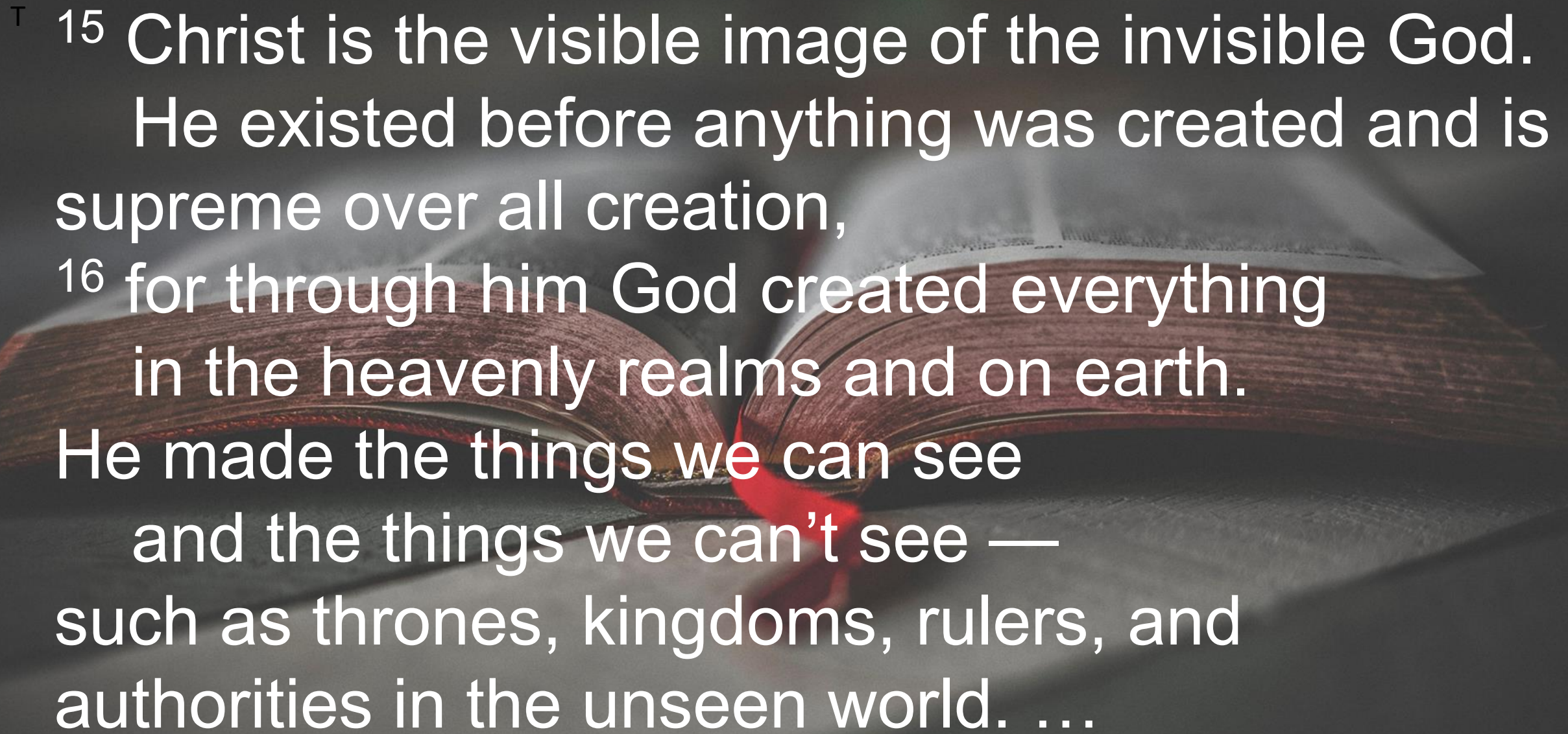
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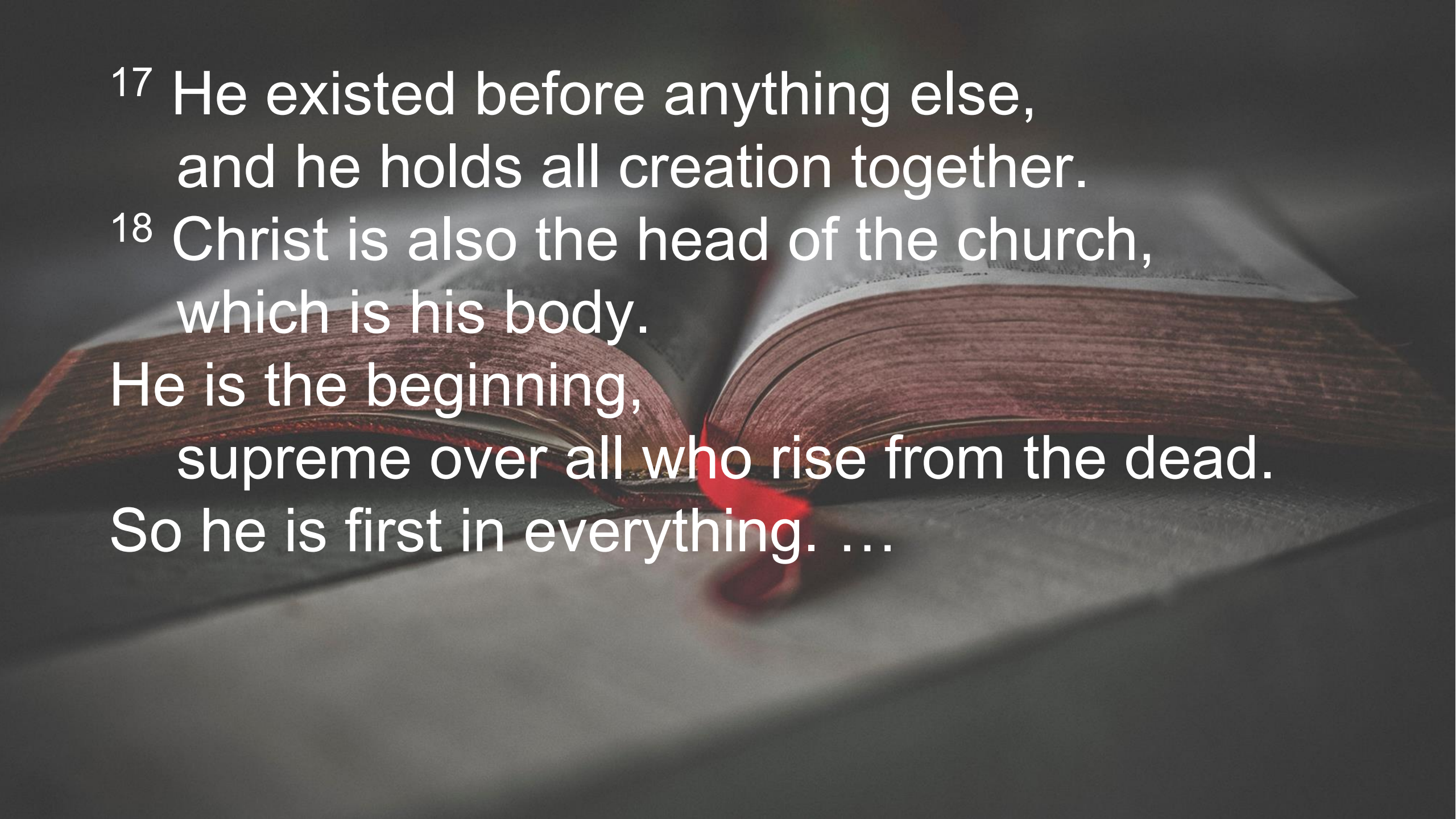
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JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING, Week

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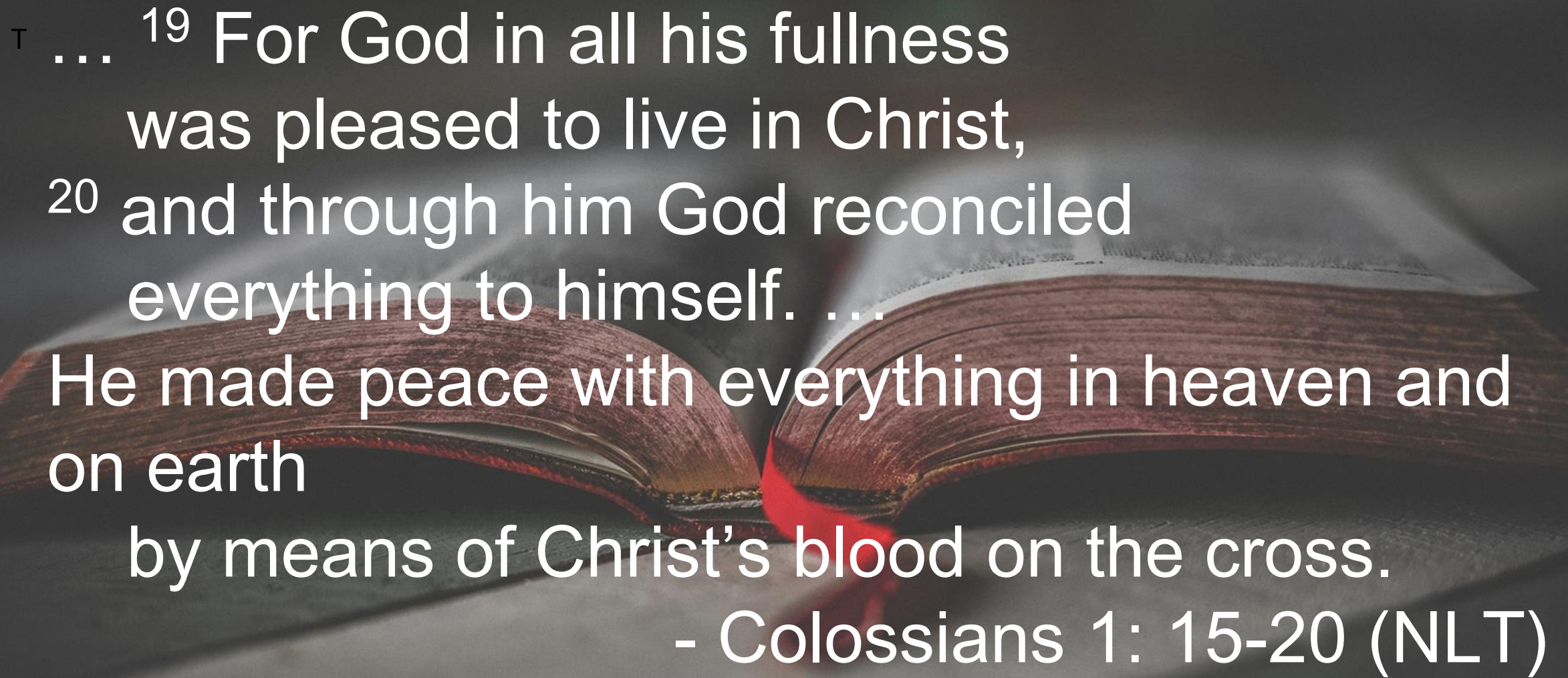
T 15 Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.
He existed before anything was created and is
supreme over all creation,
16 for through him God created everything
in the heavenly realms and on earth.
He made the things we can see
and the things we can't see —
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and
authorities in the unseen world. ...



17 He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.

18 Christ is also the head of the church,
which is his body.

He is the beginning,
supreme over all who rise from the dead.
So he is first in everything. ...



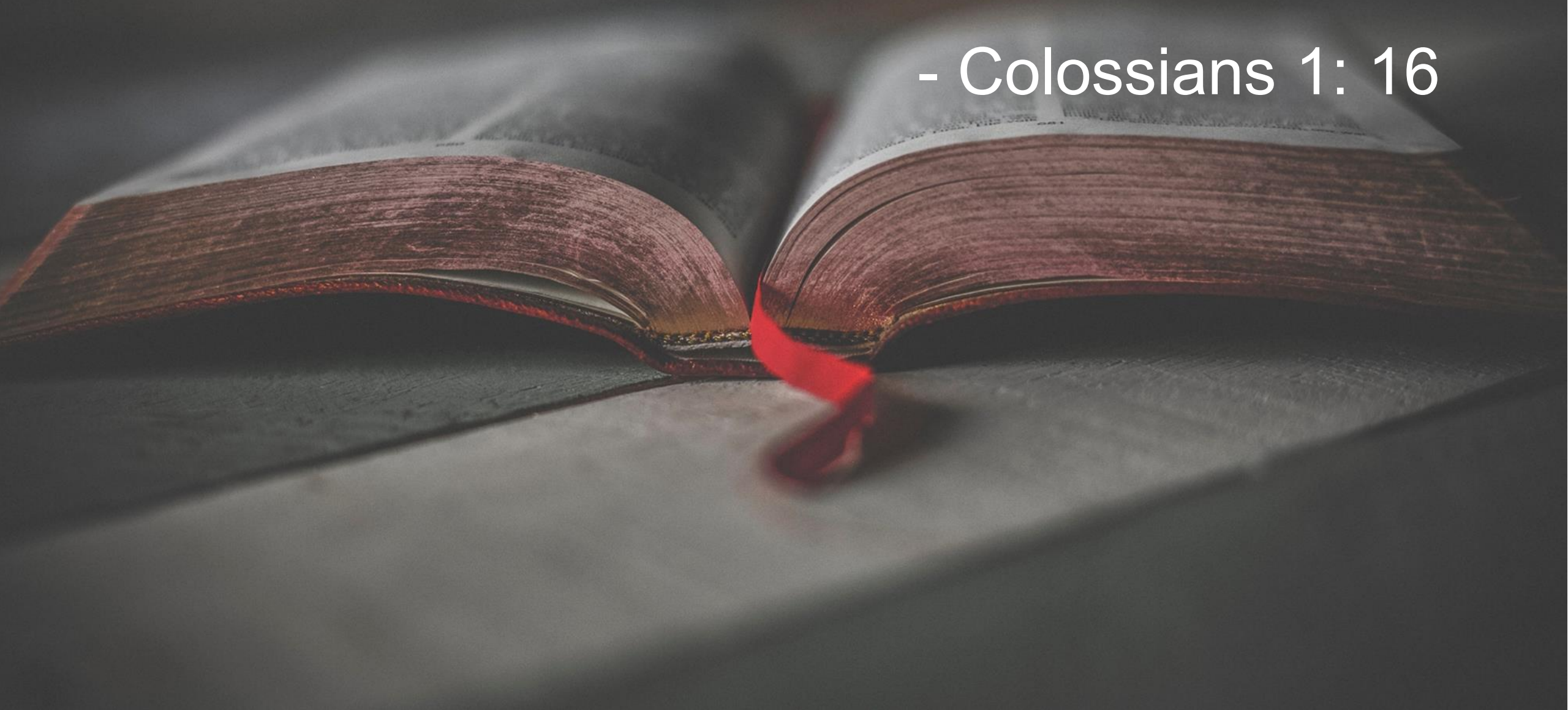
T ...¹⁹ For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ,
²⁰ and through him God reconciled
everything to himself. ...
He made peace with everything in heaven and
on earth
by means of Christ's blood on the cross.
- Colossians 1: 15-20 (NLT)

I. THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS OVER CREATION



† “All things were created by him and for him.”

- Colossians 1: 16



^T1) He is God.



T“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.”

- John 1: 18



2) He is the unique Son of God.



3) He is the creator of all things.



^T4) He holds things together.



T“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”



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“Before Abraham was born, I am.”

- John 8: 58



II. THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS OVER HIS NEW CREATION



^T1) He is the head of the church.



^T2) He reconciles all things to himself.



Four Elements About The Reconciliation of Christ:

- FOCUS: To “reconcile to himself”
- SCOPE: “all things”
- RESULT: “peace”
- MEANS: “through His blood, shed on a cross.”

T“ ... and through him to reconcile himself all things ... by making peace through his blood, shed on a cross.”

- Colossians 1: 20

