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The Supremacy of Christ

Colossians 1:15-18

Intro

- The Supremacy of Christ *in the last days*.

Titus 2:13 ...the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works

Matt. 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven... 24 Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock...

2 Tim 4:1-4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His Kingdom: 2 preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the Truth [God's Word] and wander off into myths...

Building on the Rock of the Supremacy of Christ

- The Supremacy of Christ is the Rock (Matt. 7:24) upon which our salvation is founded and sustained through our sanctification.

- *Christ is formed in us (Gal. 4:19) as we are being conformed to the image of God's Son (Rom. 8:29).*

Colossians 1:15-18

The Supremacy of Christ in Relation to God (v. 15)

"He is the Image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation..." (v. 15)

The Supremacy of Christ in Relation to Creation (v. 16-17)

“...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. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together” (v. 16-17)

The Supremacy of Christ in Relation to the Church (v. 18)

“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.” (v. 18)

A Summary of Verses 15-18

1. Christ is the Image or the exact likeness and manifestation of the invisible God.
2. Christ is the Firstborn or Sovereign over the first creation.
3. Christ is the Creator [Architect, Builder, and Goal] of the creation.
4. Christ is the Sustainer of creation through the Word of His power.
5. Christ is the Sovereign Head of the new creation, the church.
6. Christ is the Firstborn from the dead.
7. Christ is the Preeminent Lord of Glory over all things.

The Supremacy of Christ in Us