

TITLE AND NUMBER: 246 Jesus Christ - the Supreme Being



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES: Colossians 1:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

LOOKING FURTHER: John 1:1-3; John 14:9; John 1:1-18; Psalm 148:1-12

What does the Bible passage tell us?

Paul wrote this letter to the Christians at Colossae because he had heard that they were listening to false teachers. He wanted them to understand more about Jesus and His message. These verses remind us of the beginning of John's Gospel (John 1:1-3). John describes Jesus as the Word who was with God and was God, even before creation, and all things were made through Him. Paul explains that Jesus has the same nature and character as God. He says that all that the Father is, so is Jesus, and the Father is pleased that it should be so. Jesus himself said: 'Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father' (John 14:9). Paul goes on to say that it is through Jesus that all things hold together. Jesus is the head of the body – the church – and, as well as being at the very beginning of everything, He was also the first to be raised to eternal life. In all things, therefore, Jesus is supreme – the highest in authority and importance – and it was through Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, that God was able to make peace with all He had created.

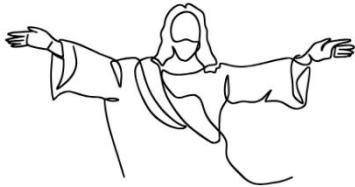
We are blessed indeed to know that Jesus took part in creation itself. He and the Father are one, He is the head of the church to which we belong and it was through His blood that God reconciled all things to Himself. In fact, this is so awesome that it is hard to take it in – this Jesus, this Supreme Being who has in Him the fulness of God Himself, died for each one of us so that our sins can be forgiven and we can live with Him eternally. As the hymn-writer, Samuel Crossman, put it, 'O who am I, that for my sake, my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?'

If you are able to go outside, particularly at this time of the year, you could listen to the songs of the birds, see or perhaps even smell the beauty of the trees and flowers and feel the warm sun or the gentle rain on your face. Later, when it's dark, look through a window and see the immensity of the skies, the stars and planets. Remind yourself that the God who created all this, the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, made you and loves you. He wants you to know Him and love Him, too. Wow! Praise God!

Reflection

- Read John 1:1-18. Remind yourself that Jesus was not just alive from His life on earth onwards but was with God and in God from before creation.
- Read the first few verses of Psalm 148, praising God for all He has done for us and is to us. Perhaps write your own song or poem of praise to God or create a picture of some aspect of nature.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

