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IN CONFIDENCE****A STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS****LESSON 19 COLOSSIANS 1:15-18**

1. What made a difference for you this past week from the Lesson or Lecture on **Colossians 1:9-14**?
  
2. Ask God to renew your thinking about the magnitude of who Jesus is, then read **Colossians 1:15-18**. Use a thesaurus and find some synonyms for the word “supreme” or “supremacy”.
  
3. a) How many times are the words “all” or “everything” used in **V15-18**? What do you think Paul was emphasizing by the repetition of these superlatives?  
  
b) Some people may bristle at any teaching on the supremacy of Jesus. What are some of the objections by those who question His unique authority or identity?
  
4. a) In **V15**, Paul beautifully described Jesus as “the image of the invisible God.” How do the following verses help you to better understand this mysterious reality?
  - **John 1:18**
  
  - **John 14:8-11**
  
  - **Hebrews 1:3a**b) Express in your own words what gave you the most insight from these verses?
  
5. What are the two references to Jesus as firstborn in **V15-18**, and how do they differ?

6. In the following verses, what does God say about Jesus as the firstborn that highlights His supremacy?
- **Psalm 89:26-27**
  
  - **Hebrews 1:6**
7. a) From **V16**, list all the things that were created in Him, through Him and for Him.
- b) As you marvel at all the aspects of His creation in **V16**, which one gives you fresh awe of Jesus?
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8. a) What additional observations did Paul make about the role of Jesus in **V17**? How does this statement (along with **V16**) measure up to mainstream thought on the origins of the universe?
- b) For what circumstances did you need to be reminded that “in Him all things hold together”? Be specific.
9. a) According to **V18a**, what role does Jesus have in the church, and what does this mean for the church? For additional wisdom, read **Ephesians 4:15-16**.
- b) What are some of the ways you see Christ as head of your local church or the church at large? (If you do not see Him in that role, who appears to be the head of the church?)
10. Consider **V17a** along with **V18b**. Although Jesus walked this earth for only 33 years, was there ever a time He did not exist? How would you explain this to an unbeliever?

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11. Why do you think it is critical for a Christian's understanding of Jesus' identity and authority to be grounded in Scripture? (For some possible reasons, see **Ephesians 4:12-14** and **1 Peter 3:15**.)
12. In this profound passage, we learned that Jesus has supremacy in everything. In what area of your life does this compel you to trust Him as *you press on in confidence*?
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1. One of the basic foundations of the Christian faith is that Jesus and the Father are One and both are supreme or preeminent. What phrases in these verses increase your knowledge of the supremacy of God?
- **1 Chronicles 29:11**
  
  - **Psalm 95:3-5**
  
  - **Isaiah 40:25-26**
2. From the following, how is Jesus' supremacy reflected:
- **John 3:31**
  
  - **Philippians 2:9-11**
  
  - **Jude 1:25**
3. How has your worship been deepened by something you have learned, or been reminded of, about Jesus in this lesson?
4. a) Choose a verse from **Colossians 1:15-18** as your Suggested Memory Verse and write it here:
- b) Let your memory verse lead you into praise and prayer

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**PRAYER REQUEST**