PC, MC, SW UMC 3-14-2021 Colossians #4

## The Supremacy of Christ is over all! Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

18 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. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 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.

## 1. The Supremacy of Christ is Over all of Creation.

> 15 He is the image of the invisible God,

The hymn is declaring that God, through Jesus Christ, is Immanuel; God with us.

> the firstborn of all creation.

Jesus holds a position of honor and authority over all of creation.

> 16 For by Him all things were created,

Jesus is firstborn of all creation because he called all things into being. There is nothing that was created that he did not make!

- > both the things in heaven and the things in earth, both the visible and the invisible were created by him, including thrones, powers, rulers, authorities!
- > 16 all things were created through him and for him.

All of creation finds its purpose in Jesus Christ

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an

## inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

- > 17 He himself is before all things, and all things hold together in him".
- 2. The Supremacy of Christ is over our salvation.
- > 18 And He is the head of the body, the church;

Jesus Christ holds all of "creation" together AND he holds the "Church" together.

➤ (Jesus Christ) he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead..."

Salvation starts with Jesus, he created it, he began it, and he is the firstborn of the dead leading the way for us to follow him.

- > "in order that in everything he might have the supremacy"
- > 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell

All that is in the Father is in the Son!

> 20 And through him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven!

Through his son through his blood on the cross.

All of Creation is eagerly waiting for its freedom at the redemption of the children of God.

The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons and daughters of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:19-21
