

Superiority of Jesus Christ/Sunday, July 15, 2018

This morning's session is the 1st in a 6 part series on the superiority of Jesus Christ. Our main passage for this session will be Col 1 starting in v15. Paul wrote the letter to the Colossians because the church at Colossae was under attack by a false doctrine that denied the deity of Jesus Christ. So in the letter Paul took steps to emphasize the fact that Jesus Christ is God. In our main passage this morning we'll note 7 characteristics brought out by Paul that emphasize the superiority of Jesus Christ. The 1st involves the fact that Jesus is the exact image of God. The 2nd involves the phrase, 1st born of all creation. The 3rd appears in the phrase, by Him all things were created. The 4th indicates that Jesus is the head of the body. 5th, Jesus is the 1st born from the dead. 6th, all the fullness of God dwells in Him. And 7th, God will reconcile all things to Himself through Christ. The Gnostics claimed that they had a way to come to God. These 7 characteristics emphasize the fact that the only way to God is through Jesus. Our session this morning elaborates on each one of them.

Romans 9:4-5 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh,

A superior person contributes to the welfare of others.

John 13:12-15 "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. 14 "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Philippians 2:9-11 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature

John 14:9 "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father;

1 Timothy 1:16-17 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Psalms 89:27 I also shall make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.

"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Hebrews 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God

John 1:3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Psalms 8:3-4 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; 4 What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Ephesians 1:22-23 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,

John 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

Hypostatic Union expresses this point. It states that Jesus Christ is both 100% humanity and undiminished deity in one person forever.

2 Corinthians 5:19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Romans 5:10-11 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith