

Colossians 1:15-23 – The Supremacy of the Son

Why please God? What's the reason we ought to pray to know how to live a life worthy of God and please him?

1. Jesus is supreme over creation (vv. 15-17)

We all acknowledge powers higher than us, but Jesus is supreme over everything in creation. He has the ultimate claim on our lives.

2. Jesus is supreme over the new creation (vv. 18-20)

Jesus' supremacy isn't only over this creation – he is supreme over the church, God's new creation. He is reconciling all creation to God in himself.

3. Jesus is supreme in reconciling sinners to God (vv. 20-23)

Jesus supremacy extends even to being the one who saved God's enemies and reconciles them to being God's friends.

Questions for us? How might you answer the question, 'Why live to please God?' Where do we find it difficult in our lives to please God? Do we hear people acknowledge the existence of higher powers in conversation? What relationship does the Son have to God? What relationship does the Son have to creation? What relationship does Jesus have to any power higher than us? Who has the ultimate claim on our lives? What reason does this mean about why we should please God? What is the Son's relationship to God's new creation? What is he reconciling to himself in verse 20? Why does this mean we should please God? What did Jesus do for his people? What is reconciliation and what does this say about our relationship with God? How should we respond to the gospel in verse 23? What does this say about why to please God?