

*The Deity
Of
Christ*

Colossians 1:15-19

Introduction

A. Our concept of God is based on our faith

1. Joash

2 Kings 13:14-25

2. Two blind men

Matthew 9:27-30

B. Our faith can be influenced by those around us

Matthew 13:54-58

Introduction

C. We need to think great thoughts about God

Psalm 145:5-6

5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

Colossians 1:15-19

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:15-19 - continued

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

I. All God's Personality Is Centered In Him (1:15)

A. The image of the invisible God

John 14:8-9

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

I. All God's Personality Is Centered In Him (1:15)

B. The implication of the incarnate God

1. He knows what we are going through

Psalm 103:14

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

I. All God's Personality Is Centered In Him (1:15)

B. The implication of the incarnate God

2. He shows who God is

John 1:14

**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,
(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only
begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

I. All God's Personality Is Centered In Him (1:15)

B. The implication of the incarnate God

3. He does what God could only do

Philippians 2:6-8

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

II. All God's Power Is Centered In Him (1:16-17)

A. He created the universe (1:16a)

John 1:3

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

II. All God's Power Is Centered In Him (1:16-17)

B. He claims the universe (1:16b)

1 Corinthians 15:27-28

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

II. All God's Power Is Centered In Him (1:16-17)

C. He controls the universe (1:17)

1. To show His order

Genesis 1:14-16

14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

II. All God's Power Is Centered In Him (1:16-17)

C. He controls the universe (1:17);

2. To show His power

Joshua 10:12-13

12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

II. All God's Power Is Centered In Him (1:16-17)

C. He controls the universe (1:17);

3. To show His purpose

Isaiah 38:7-8

7 And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

III. All God's Purposes Are Centered In Him (1:19-19)

A. His absolute sovereignty (1:18a)

Ephesians 1:20-22

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

III. All God's Purposes Are Centered In Him (1:19-19)

B. His absolute superiority (1:18b)

1. He originated life

John 1:4

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

2. He overcame death

1 Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

III. All God's Purposes Are Centered In Him (1:19-19)

C. His absolute sufficiency (1:19)

1. In mercy

1 Peter 1:3

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten
us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead,**

III. All God's Purposes Are Centered In Him (1:19-19)

C. His absolute sufficiency (1:19)

2. In grace

1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

III. All God's Purposes Are Centered In Him (1:19-19)

C. His absolute sufficiency (1:19) - continued

3. In power

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**We Need A Great Vision Of The Deity
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