**THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST**

Colossians 1:15-23 (key 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.”

1. How does Paul describe Jesus? (15) What is Jesus’ relationship to all things He created? (16-17) What is Jesus’ relationship to the church? (18a) In what respect does Jesus have supremacy? (18b) What was God pleased to do in Christ? (19)
2. What has God done through Jesus’ blood? (20) How does Paul describe our former condition? (21) What is the purpose of reconciliation through Jesus' death? (22) What do we need for his purpose to be fulfilled? (23a) What can we learn from Paul as a servant of the gospel? (23b)

1. Since Christ is the head of the body, the church, how can you practically submit your decisions, service, and relationships within the church to His authority? Based on verse 18, what does this truth mean for how you view your hope, purpose, and daily perseverance as a believer?
2. Because Christ must have supremacy in everything, what areas of your life: work, ambitions, relationships, or habits need to be re-ordered to reflect His lordship more fully?