

I. The person of Christ (v. 15)

A. Jesus is the invisible God made visible

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.” (Hebrews 1:3)

B. Jesus is supreme over all creation

II. The power of Christ (v. 16)

A. Everything that exists was created by Jesus

“Through him all things were made.” (John 1:3)

*Pictures of God’s creation....

B. Everything that exists was created for Jesus

III. The priority of Christ (v. 17)

A. Jesus is eternal in nature

B. Jesus is the one who holds all things together

IV. The preeminence of Christ (v. 18)

A. Jesus is the creator of the church

B. Jesus is the leader of the church

“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.” (Ephesians 1:22-23)

C. Jesus is the source of resurrection life

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies.” (John 11:25)

D. Jesus is the supreme Lord of all

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

V. The personality of Christ (v. 19)

A. Jesus is the eternal God

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” (John 1:14)

VI. The purpose of Christ (v. 20-23)

A. Jesus came to offer us reconciliation

“But we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”
(Romans 5:11)

1. Our sin makes us enemies of God

2. Our sin leaves us separated from God

B. Jesus brings reconciliation through his sacrificial death

C. Jesus reconciles us to make us holy

“For he chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.” (Ephesians 1:4)

D. Jesus expects us to live in relationship with him by faith