

AWED BY CHRIST'S GREATNESS

Col. 1:15-20

- A. Questions to consider:

- B. Background of Colossians.

- C. Two particular reasons to be awed by Christ's greatness are found in Col. 1:15-20.
 - I. Be in Awe Because Jesus Is Over Things (1:15-17).
 - Why does Paul have this emphasis? (1:1-14).

 - A. Jesus is over things because He is God (1:15).
 - 1. Jesus is the "image."
 - 2. Jesus is the "firstborn of all creation."

 - B. Jesus is over things because He is the creator (1:16).
 - 1. He created "all things," without exception.
 - a. All which is "visible."
 - b. All which is "invisible."
 - 2. All was created "by" Him.
 - 3. All was created "for" Him.

C. Jesus is over things because He is the sustainer (1:17).

1. He sustains because He is “before” all things.
2. He sustains by His power.

II. Be in Awe Because Jesus Is Over People (1:18-20).

A. Jesus is over people because He is the Head of the church (1:18).

B. Jesus is over people because He is the Fullness of the Father (1:19).

C. Jesus is over people because He is the Maker of peace (1:20).

--Peace comes through reconciliation.

1. The meaning of reconciliation.
2. The means of reconciliation.
3. The goal of reconciliation.
4. The basis of reconciliation.
5. The objects of reconciliation.

So What?

A. So, how can we become consciously aware of Christ's presence and power?

B. So, how can we trust this awesome Lord?