

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ

Bible Background • COLOSSIANS 1:15–20

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Words You Should Know

- A. **Fulness**—(Colossians 1:19) pleroma (Gk.)—The totality of supernatural, divine powers and attributes.
- B. **Reconcile**—(v. 20) apokatalasso (Gk.)— To change from hostility or enmity (hate, animosity) to friendship.

Teacher Preparation

Unifying Principle—Awed by Greatness. Paul’s use of metaphor strongly conveys Christ’s supremacy, which helps us realize who Christ is.

- A. Pray for your students and lesson clarity.
- B. Read and meditate on the entire lesson.
- C. Complete the companion lesson in the Precepts for Living® Study Guide.
- D. Research who Christ is, and prepare to discuss Him and help your class make a list of His attributes.

O—Open the Lesson

- A. Receive prayer requests and open with prayer.
- B. On a chalkboard or on a display tablet, allow your class to help you make a list of Christ’s attributes. Discuss.
- C. Read In Focus. Discuss, tying it into today’s theme.

P—Present the Scriptures

- A. Have volunteers read the Focal Verses.
- B. Use The People, Places, and Times, Background, the At-A-Glance outline, and More Light on the Text sections to help clarify the verses.
- C. Have volunteers answer the Search the Scriptures questions. Discuss.

E—Explore the Meaning

- A. Summarize Discuss the Meaning, Liberating Lesson, and Application for Activation.
- B. Help your students draw out the significant points and encourage them to consider the questions posed at the end of More Light on the Text.

N—Next Steps for Application

- A. Summarize the entire lesson.
- B. Challenge students to read their Daily Bible Readings.
- C. Close with prayer.