

- 1) All that is God dwells in Him – 1:19 *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.*
- 2) Able to reconcile all things – 1:20 *and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

## **JESUS IS SUPREME OVER ALL THINGS.**

Colossians 1:15-20

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

### Reasons why Jesus is supreme over all things:

- Jesus is the **reflection** of the Father – 1:15a *He is the image of the invisible God...*

Hebrews 1:3a

*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.*

“Jesus was what God wanted to say and how God wanted to say it.”

– Dr. Steven Smith

- Jesus has full **rights** to every square inch of the universe – 1:15b-17 *the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*
- Jesus leads the most **influential** group in history – 1:18a *And he is the head of the body, the church.*
- Jesus is **preeminent** (first place in all things) – 1:18b *He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*