



The Object of Your Devotion
Colossians 1:15-17
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BIG IDEA

Our devotion reflects what we truly treasure. In a world full of distractions and false promises, only Christ is worthy of our wholehearted commitment. Paul reminds the Colossians—and us—that Jesus is supreme: the Creator, Sustainer, and Eternal King. Anchoring our devotion in him alone brings awe, gratitude, security, and purpose, transforming the way we live and the way we prioritize our hearts.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:15-17 (ESV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 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. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

MAIN THEME

Paul emphasizes Christ's supremacy as the ultimate treasure. False teachers in Colossae sought to elevate angels and secret knowledge, but Paul points to Jesus as more than enough. True devotion flows toward what is supremely valuable—and nothing surpasses Christ. He is the Creator, Sustainer, and the goal of all creation. When our lives reflect this devotion, it shows in our time, energy, priorities, and affections.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. Jesus is Worth Your Devotion

Colossians 1:15, John 1:1–3

- What does it mean that Jesus is “the image of the invisible God”?
- How does knowing that Jesus is eternal change the way you view him?
- Where have you placed your devotion that should belong to Christ alone?



2. **Creator and Source of All Things**

Colossians 1:16, Ephesians 1:21

- Reflect on the scope of creation—everything visible and invisible. How does this inspire worship?
- How can recognizing Christ's power and authority over all creation affect your trust in him?

3. **Jesus Reigns Over Powers of Darkness**

Colossians 1:16, Ephesians 6:12

- How does understanding that Christ reigns over spiritual forces give you courage?
- In what ways might you be tempted to fear the enemy, and how does devotion to Jesus help you resist that fear?

4. **The Goal of Creation and Eternal Sustainer**

Colossians 1:16-17, Hebrews 1:3

- What does it mean that all things were created for Jesus and hold together in him?
- How does this truth give purpose and security to your life?
- How can you align your daily priorities to reflect this devotion?

5. **Living a Life of Awe, Gratitude, Security, and Purpose**

Psalms 16:11, 1 Corinthians 10:31

- How does devotion to Jesus cultivate awe in your heart?
- How can gratitude for Christ's love transform your perspective?
- How does resting in his care free you from fear?
- How can focusing your purpose on Christ guide your daily actions and relationships?

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for being the supreme treasure of my heart. Help me to place my devotion fully on you, rather than the fleeting things of this world. Teach me to trust, and serve you with gratitude and purpose. Remind me daily that you are the Creator, Sustainer, and Eternal King, worthy of all my love and obedience. In your name I pray, Amen.

DIG DEEPER

For further study this week:

- Colossians 1:15–20 — Christ's supremacy over all creation
- John 1:1–3 — The Word as Creator



- Ephesians 1:21 — Christ's authority over spiritual powers
- Hebrews 1:3 — Sustainer of the universe
- 1 Peter 3:22 — Angels and powers subjected to Christ

NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Examining the beauty of Christ's Lordship over the Church.
Colossians 1:18-20

