

Knowing:
“The Supremacy of Christ”
Colossians 1: 15-23
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Supremacy: the state or condition of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status. - Oxford Dictionary

Review: Combatting Gnosticism - First, Gnostics assert that matter is inherently evil and spirit is good. As a result of this presupposition, Gnostics believe anything done in the body, even the grossest sin, has no meaning because real life exists in the spirit realm only.

Second, Gnostics claim to possess an elevated knowledge, a “higher truth” known only to a certain few. Gnosticism comes from the Greek word gnosis which means “to know.” Gnostics claim to possess a higher knowledge, not from the Bible, but acquired on some mystical higher plane of existence. Gnostics see themselves as a privileged class elevated above everybody else by their higher, deeper knowledge of God. - gotquestions.org

The “fullness” of Christ is described in relation to creation, redemption & reconciliation.

Jesus’ role as _____: (v.v. 15-16)

(John 10: 30; 14:9; 1:1-2; Hebrews 11:27; Psalm 89:27)

Jesus’ Supremacy: He is the exact _____ of _____.

Jesus’ Supremacy: He is the “_____” over all _____.

Jesus’ role in the _____: (v.v. 17-18)

(John 8:58; Eph 5:30; Heb 1:6; 1 Cor 15:20; Rev 1:5)

Jesus’ Supremacy: His is _____.

Jesus’ Supremacy: His is over _____.

Jesus’ Supremacy: His has conquered _____.

Jesus’ role in redemption: (v.v 19-20)

(John 1:14; Philippians 2: 10-11; Rev 21:1; Isaiah 65:17-18)

Jesus’ Supremacy: The _____ of God dwelled in Christ _____.

Jesus’ Supremacy: _____ is reconciled through Christ Jesus.

Jesus’ role in _____: (v.v. 21-23)

(Hebrews 2: 14-18; Romans 5: 18)

Jesus’ Supremacy: Through _____, all can be _____.

Jesus’ Supremacy: Only through Christ Jesus do we receive _____.

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