

Oxford Baptist Church – Feb 11, 2024 – Robin W. Pifer
Colossians – “Jesus: Head of the Church and the
Reconciler of All” – Col 1:18-20

Introduction

- Jesus Christ's Relation to God | v15
 - Jesus is the Image of God - Exact representation.
 - Jesus is the Firstborn of all creation - Supreme One.
- Jesus Christ's Relation to Creation | v16-17
 - Jesus is the Creator of all Things | v.16
 - Jesus Eternally Existed | v. 17
 - Jesus Sustains all Things | v.17b – (Hebrews. 1:3)

JESUS CHRIST'S RELATION TO THE CHURCH

Jesus Is The Head Of The Church | v.18a

- Eph 1:22-23; 5:23

Jesus Is The Resurrection | v.18b

- John 11:25; 1Cor 15.
- Firstborn among the dead.

Jesus Is The Supreme One | v.18c

- In everything he has supremacy.

Jesus Is the Fullness of God | v.19

- John 1:16-17; Col 2:9-10 – Christ's fullness
- Our fullness in Christ – Eph 1:13-14; 3:19-21

Jesus Is The Reconciler of All Things Through The Cross | v.20

- All things on earth and heaven.
- Makes peace through his shed blood.
- Romans 5:11.
- 2Cor 5:17-20 – Transformed for Ministry.

Main Thought: Jesus Christ is Head of the Church and Reconciler of all things through the Cross.

Questions for Personal and Group Study

1. What were the biggest learnings for you from last week's message? v. 15-17
2. Why does Jesus need to be the Head of the church?
3. How does Jesus being Creator and Head of the church connect with the Old and New Testaments?
4. “Firstborn from among the dead.” Why is this an important understanding of the ministry of Jesus? (read 1Cor 15)
5. Christ's supremacy is seen everywhere and is in everything. What suppresses Christ's supremacy in people's lives? Discuss and read Romans 1:18-32.
6. How does Christ's fullness in our lives prepare us to live and minister in the power of God rather than the flesh?
7. Christ is our reconciler. What is our response when we understand this important truth for our lives?
8. Is there anyone in our circle of influence that we need to forgive and seek forgiveness from so our lives are not spiritually hindered?
9. How does the Cross and Christ's shed blood impact our lives?