



GOD'S FELLOWSHIP – JESUS IS SUPREME (18)

START HERE:

These verses are an early church hymn or worship song. In some Bibles, the words are formatted like poetry so readers can see the song-like structure.

Maybe Paul put the hymn here to help explain important details about the identity and work of God's beloved Son who he was writing about.

Or maybe Paul hadn't planned to put the hymn here at all. Maybe as he was writing (or dictating to a scribe, which he often did), he was so caught up in the wonder and majesty of who Jesus was and what Jesus had done that as he spoke (or wrote) about Christ, he naturally began to praise God.

Either way, these verses include some of the most beautiful, important, and powerful truths about Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.

Read these verses silently and prayerfully. Then read them aloud. Then listen to someone else read them. Let the words fill your heart and soul. As you read, pause between verses 17 and 18 where there is a natural break between two related but different ideas.

Verses 15-17 praise Jesus as the human embodiment of God who is the creator himself. Verses 18-20 praise Jesus as the firstborn of all those who will be resurrected and as the source of new creation himself.

Praise and worship Jesus as you read these lyrics about him.

READ THIS: Colossians 1:15-20

THINK ABOUT:

Copy Colossians 1:15-20 in a journal, paying close attention to Jesus the ruler of all creation (verses 15-17) and Jesus the head of new creation (verses 18-20).

Christ (in a human body) was the visible image of the invisible God (v. 15).
The church (body of Christ) is called to now be the visible image of Christ (v. 18).
What are some ways we can do that?

What do you learn about each of these things from this passage:

Truth about God:

Truth about Jesus Christ:

Truth about the Spirit:

Truth about God's children:

AM: Today, stop at specific moments throughout the day to praise and worship King Jesus.

PM: Today, how did you experience Jesus as your King and Lord today?

Dear Lord, We praise you as the only true God. Thank you for Jesus' true and clear revelation of your invisible presence. We honor Christ as the creator of all. We honor Christ as the King of all. We honor Christ as the ruler of all. We honor Christ for reconciling us to you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.

EXTRA THINGS

Humanity was created in the image of God.

Humanity rejected God's good rule of life, which included rejecting their God-given identity.

Jesus came - fully God AND fully human - and showed us the true image of God.

These verses tell us that Christ is the "visible image of the invisible God."

These verses are a main source for Christian doctrines about Jesus.

EXTRA VERSES

Ephesians 2:1-10

EXTRA STUFF

Listen to Propaganda's "The One And Only Jesus"
[HERE.](#)

Listen to Steven Miller's "Jesus Reigns Supreme"
[HERE.](#)