

Colossians 1.15-17-1

We Sing of Christ's Supremacy

1 Group

They were in the habit of meeting on a certain fixed day before it was light, when they sang in alternate verses a hymn to Christ, as to a god, and bound themselves by a solemn oath, not to any wicked deeds...

- Pliny, Roman governor, AD 112

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I. Jesus Christ is Creator and Sustainer of the universe (FIRST stanza of the hymn v.5-17)

(17) all things have been created through him and for him...and in him all things hold together.

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II. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of the church (SECOND stanza of the hymn v.18-20)

(18) And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, **that in everything he might have the supremacy**

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Colossians 1

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The church is a gathering of forgiven yet flawed followers of Jesus Christ, who have responded to God's call to be cleansed by faith in Jesus Christ, to reject the values of the world, to fight temptations of their own flesh, and to be filled with the power of God's Spirit to represent Him in the world.

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Matthew 6

(10) your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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(1) Jesus Christ is the source and ruler of our life.

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Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the **body**, the church;
he is the beginning.

(Rom. 12:4; 1 Cor. 12:12–27; 10:17)

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10 Group

2. Jesus Christ is the hope for overcoming death.

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Colossians 1:18

he is...the firstborn from among the dead,

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father

son #1

son #2

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Old Testament

1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings
4:18-37; 2 Kings 13:21.

New Testament

Luke 7:12-17; Luke
8:41-56; John 11:1-45.

Acts 9:36-43; 20:9-12)

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John 10

(17) The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. (18) No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again.

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John 11

(25) “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

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3. Jesus Christ gives us full access to the Father's grace

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(19) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

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John 1

(16) Out of his fullness we have all received
grace

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4. Jesus Christ gave His life to renew our
broken world.

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(19) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, (20) and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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Reconciliation means to make something right after something wrong has occurred.

Reconciliation is required because a valuable thing was broken because of someone's actions.

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2 Timothy 3

(1) There will be terrible times in the last days. (2) People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

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2 Timothy 3

(3) without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, (4) ...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— (5) having a form of godliness but denying its power.

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(19) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, (20) and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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Galatians 3

(13) But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing

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Revelation 21

(1) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...(2) I saw the holy city...coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. (3) I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people...."

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Revelation 21

(4) He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. (5) And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new..."

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Revelation 22

(3) No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. (4) And they will see his face...the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will
hold me fast. When the tempter would
prevail, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises
shall last. Bought by Him at such a cost, He
will hold me fast.

