

The Supremacy of Christ: Redemption (part 1) – Col 1:18

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Colossians 1:15-20 appears to be a first-century hymn with two parallel stanzas exalting Christ as supreme over all. In the first stanza, Christ is exalted for His work of creation; in the second, His work of *re-creation*, or redemption. To begin our worship of Christ as we meditate on this second stanza, we must answer the question, *what language does Paul employ in order to exalt the Lord as supreme?*

1. A supreme position: *Headship*
And He is the head of the body, the church...

2. A supreme foundation:
 - A. *Beginning*

 - B. *Firstborn from the dead*

3. A supreme goal: *Preeminence*
...that in all things He may have the preeminence.