

The Supremacy of Christ: Redemption – Col 1:19-20
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In the first stanza of this first-century hymn (1:15-20), Christ is supreme over *the creation* because all has been created *in Him, through Him, and for Him*. Essentially, the same reasons are offered in verses 19-20 to explain why Jesus Christ is also supreme over *the redemption* or *the reconciliation*, leading us to exalt Him as Lord over all.

1. Christ is the *sphere* of the reconciliation.
...*in Him*

2. Christ is the *instrument* of the reconciliation.
...*through Him*
 - A. The *essence* of reconciliation: *having made peace*

 - B. The *act* of reconciliation: *through the blood of His cross*

3. Christ is the *object* of the reconciliation.
...*unto Him*