



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion

Day 40

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Colossians 1:15-18

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

Today is all about who Jesus is. Verse 15 is amazing to consider. Jesus is the “image of the invisible God”. This is the whole Christmas story. Immanuel! God with us. How could the invisible, all-powerful, all knowing, creative God become one of His own creations? How can the eternal step into time? How can the all knowing be limited as man? How can One who is everywhere be limited in time and space? How can the all powerful take on human form with all its limits? I don't know, but He did!

Verse 18 is one of my life verses, “so that in everything He might have the supremacy.” Another translation reads “that He might have pre-eminence”. We have many priorities in this life: family, occupation, other responsibilities. For those who are His, He is first. That is, when other things that compete with Him, He wins out. Many people proclaim He is first, but how many truly live with Him as the priority? Things we prioritize are the things that mean the most to us. If He truly is preeminent in our lives, He will have first choice in our time, talents, resources and affections.

O Lord, let us all commit to make You first in our lives.