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# He *is* exalted!

1. What might Paul mean by saying that Jesus is the “image of God”? Why was it important for Paul to remind the Colossians of this fact—what heresy did they struggle with at this time?
2. The word “firstborn” in verse 15 refers to a person’s rank or position, e.g., Jesus was “above” creation. What else does this section say about creation and Jesus Christ? Is belief in Darwinian evolution a viable option for the Christian? Why or why not?
3. Jesus Christ is head of the church body on earth (v. 18), which includes everyone who embraces Him as Lord and Savior. What should that mean for biblical churches and individual believers? How can we show that we really believe it?
4. How important is the resurrection to the Christian faith? Where does Jesus fit into this (v. 18)?
5. List some *songs* that communicate some of the same truths in this passage.
6. Using today’s text, explain why you believe that Jesus Christ is God, and why He is supreme.
7. How do the truths of this passage impact the following areas of your life?

Eternal Hope

Relationships with Others

School or Work

Handling Trials

Physical Health

Financial Stewardship

Church Ministry

Plans & Desires

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**Colossians 1:15-18** <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup>And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. <sup>18</sup>And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have preeminence . . .

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### Monday

We all tend to fail frequently. Yet as believers, we should be growing in Christ. Would others say they see more of Jesus in you today than they did ten years ago? How about five years ago? Or last year?

### Tuesday

If Jesus ranks “number 1” in our lives, we will grow. Does anything outrank Him in *your* life? A possession you don’t want to put in its place, a habit you don’t want to give up, maybe an attitude you don’t want to change?

### Wednesday

Jesus is head of the church body here on earth. How can we better make Him head at Blair Ridge Baptist? What can you contribute to make this possible?

### Thursday

Jesus created with perfection all things seen and unseen, in six 24-hour days. If you’ve been taught otherwise, will you commit to learn the truth about this important doctrine? See the Pastor or your ENCORE leader for recommended sources of study.

### Friday

Jesus is not just a god; he is *the* God. He is supreme. How has this lesson reinforced this fact in your mind and heart? Can you now exalt Him with greater understanding?

### Saturday

“LORD, thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is truly supreme and I love and exalt Him with my whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Thank You for such a powerful truth, and for the underserved opportunity to give Him the glory He deserves.

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