

# POWER UP



## Basic Training

Colossians 1:16-19

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### 1. Jesus is the very image of God: (v.15)

- The Greek word for image is "eikon."  
It means "copy" or "likeness."
- Jesus is fully God in every way.
- Jesus is the firstborn over all creation.

### 2. Jesus is the Creator of all things: (v.16)

- On heaven and earth.
- Visible or invisible
- Thrones or Powers or Rulers or Authorities.
- All things were created by Jesus

### 3. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together (v. 17)

### 4. Jesus is the Head of the Body: (v. 18)

Jesus is the CEO of the Church and the universe, He owns all the STOCK 100%.

### 5. In Jesus dwells all the fullness of God the Father (v. 19)

# taking it home

{ notes for small group,  
family & personal study  
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## keeping it real

1 It seems we are always in pursuit of first place. In fact, we will even lie, cheat, and steal to achieve and maintain that position. Where have you seen this in play out in our society? How important is first place to you?

## look at the book

2 Does Jesus really deserve first place in everything? What reasons did Paul give here in Colossians? What reasons can you find elsewhere in the New Testament?

[Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 4:12; Romans 5:6-10; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 1:14-18; Hebrews 12:2; Revelation 5:1-9]

3 Actually, every book of the Bible deals with this theme in one way or another. Describe the underlying debate in the following:

- Genesis 3:1-6
- Exodus 20:1-3
- Joshua 24:15
- Judges 21:25
- 1 Kings 18:16-24

## the next step

4 Jesus is not interested in being in your top 10 or your final four. He is not pleased to be prominent in your life. He wants preeminence... unrivaled first place in everything. Who is His greatest rival in your life? What's next for you?

### my next step this week is to:

- I will take a huge step and memorize the paragraph – Colossians 1:15-20 (or just 1:18).
- I will read and contemplate today's sermon passage 5 days this week.
- I will take the time to discern who really is the CEO in my life and prioritize accordingly.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_