

A vibrant cosmic nebula with swirling green, blue, and purple clouds of gas and dust, punctuated by numerous bright stars and distant galaxies.

The Attributes *of* God

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

**And 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.**

Colossians 1:15-18 (NIV)

The Attributes of God:

Series Goals

- **Embrace the enormity of the holiness of Jesus**
- **Embrace the enormity of our sin**
- **Embrace the enormity of forgiveness in Jesus Christ**
- **Embrace the enormity of being set apart in Jesus Christ**

The Attributes of God:

The Supremacy of God

To speak of “supremacy” is to speak of that which is “above” or “over” others. It reaches the level of the “super.” ...It refers to that which (or who) is greatest in power, authority, or rank... importance, significance, character, or achievement—the “ultimate.”

- R.C. Sproul

The Attributes of God:
The Supremacy of God

The G.O.A.T.
(Greatest of All Time)
Alt: “G.O.A.T.ed”

- Middle Schoolers

The Attributes of God:
The Supremacy of God

G.I.T.G.O.A.T.

**(God Is The Greatest
Over ALL THINGS)**

- JVD

“Your thoughts of God are too human.”

- Martin Luther

“The ‘god’ of this century no more resembles the Sovereign of Holy Writ than does the dim flickering of a candle the glory of the midday sun.”

- Arthur W. Pink, The Attributes of God

Paul's Letter to the **Colossians**

Author: The Apostle Paul, likely writing from prison in Rome around **AD 60–62**

Recipients: The church in **Colossae**, a small city in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey)

Occasion for Writing: Paul had received a report from Epaphras (founder) about **false teachings** threatening the Colossian church

JESUS: The Supreme Center of Everything

SUPREME: adj. /sə'prēm, sōō'prēm/ superior to all others; strongest, most important, or most powerful. Very great or intense; extreme.

HUMAN IDENTITY:

Four Questions

ORIGIN

Where did life
originate?
Where did I
come from?

PURPOSE

Why am I
here?

MEANS

What should I
be doing? How
do I fulfill my
purpose?

DESTINATION

Where am I going?
What happens
when I die?

Opening Context: The Gospel

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Christ Is Supreme in His Identity

**He is the image of the invisible
God, the firstborn of all creation.**

Colossians 1:15

Christ Is Supreme in His Identity

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word.

Hebrews 1:3a (NIV)

HUMAN IDENTITY: JESUS (Col. 1:15)

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Colossians 1:16