

PIECING LIFE TOGETHER:

Listen Up, Aight!?

Colossians 1:15-18

- i. When I was a boy I was in a NASA club.
- ii. Have you ever wondered what was out there? Who was out there? Is God really supreme? Is there really a God? This is a message that can move us beyond agnosticism (belief in God but live like there is not a God) and Gnosticism (maturity means to be spiritual at the expense of the material realities of our day).
- iii. This is one of the first poems in Scripture, cf Phil 2:5-11.
- iv. People come and people go and yet there is still Jesus. Churches come and churches go and yet there is still Jesus.
- v. This text is the top reason I chose this letter as we piece life together in chaotic times.
- vi. This is about the cosmic Christ: firstborn, head, supreme.

JESUS IS SUPREME IN 3D C-EEING...

I. FIRST IN THE COSMOS

- a. Before Initial Singularity.
- b. Before all that space.

II. FIRST IN CREATION

- a. Before all of time.
- b. Overcoming suffering and death

III. FIRST IN THE CHURCH

- a. Time for a Copernican revolution in our doctrine of the church.
- b. Time to move the village.
- c. The bigger Jesus is, the bigger our vision can be. What is PPC's Future Story? ...

Challenge: If we surrender to the supremacy of Jesus Christ in the cosmos, creation and the church, please stand and read this text together as a declaration of faith.