



“so that in all things He might have the supremacy”

- Paul is saying there is only one Jesus. There is no other in His **category**. There is none like Him.

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him...”

- Fullness – *pleroma*
- The heretics would use to describe the **totality** of the emanations between God & man.
- Paul used to show the fullness of **all** divine power and attributes dwells absolutely and wholly in Jesus Christ. (*Colossians 2:9*)
- Jesus is **God**.

Why did God come in fullness in Jesus Christ?

“to reconcile to Himself all things”

- Reconcile – to **change completely**
- What Jesus changed was the situation, the relationship, between **God** and His **creation**.
- Sin destroyed the **harmony** between creatures, creations, and Creator.

“by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross”

- The barrier of **sin** was taken away judiciously: God accepted the **death** of Jesus as the payment or punishment that is due, that is the cost, of sin.
- *Romans 8:21* – **Creation** will one day be remade and restored to the glory God intended.

- *Philippians 2:9-11* – **Everyone** will bow because they will no longer be able to deny the truth that Jesus is God, Jesus is Lord, and that His glory demands their acknowledgement and submission.

The reconciliation Jesus accomplished through the cross can be a **personal** reality in the present.

Reconciliation on a personal level is a reorientation where Jesus is **supreme** in everything in me.

- By faith you believe that Jesus is **who** He claimed to be.
- By faith you accept that His death on the cross is the only way for you to be at **peace** with the God who made you. (*That’s what it means to call Him “Savior.”*)
- By faith you make Jesus the **center** of your world. (*That’s what it means to call Him “Lord.”*)

“God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless until we find ourselves in Him.” – Augustine

Jesus, show me your glory and help it **change** my life today.

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