



Divine Power: Paul's Prayer, Steve Cuss

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PRIMARY SCRIPTURE

Col. 1:15

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: ^a 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. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the most significant challenge that society faces today?
- 2) Paul shows that in a highly divisive society, the church can be a uniting force. How do you see this as possible?
- 3) Paul's first way of uniting us: we are all subject to the supremacy of Christ. How do you see this playing out in your life?
- 4) Paul's other way: mutual submission, regardless of status in society. Where have you seen this at work in a church?
- 5) Focus for this year: prayer: how might you be more intentional about prayer this year?
- 6) What helps you pay keener attention to God's presence?
- 7) Focus for this year: worship. What does worship mean to you?
- 8) What is a time where a worship has moved you?
- 9) What about a time away from a church service?
- 10) Focus of the year: love. When has someone sacrificed for you? When have they been there in a time of pain? What about a time you've been there for someone?