

The Incomparable Christ

Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of western culture for almost twenty centuries.

- Jaroslav Pelikan

Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue with that; I'm right and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now.

- John Lennon, Evening Standard, March 4, 1966

Christ Is Supreme

¹⁵ *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.
He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation*
¹⁶ *for through him God created everything
in the heavenly realms and on earth.
He made the things we can see
and the things we can't see—
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.
Everything was created through him and for him.*
¹⁷ *He existed before anything else,
and he holds all creation together.*
¹⁸ *Christ is also the head of the church,
which is his body.
He is the beginning,
supreme over all who rise from the dead
So he is first in everything.*
¹⁹ *For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ,
²⁰ and through him God reconciled
everything to himself.
He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth
by means of Christ's blood on the cross.*

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. ²² Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

²³ *But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News.*

Colossians 1:15-23 (NLT)

FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SERIES, WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS ON THESE THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF JESUS...

1. His _____.

2. His _____.

3. His _____.