

## Rooted and Built Up—Christ is Supreme

### Study Questions

#### Colossians 1:15-20

##### Warm-up

**1a)** In some games, player control game pieces or avatars, deciding how the piece(s) will act within the “world” of the game. To some extent, we identify ourselves with the game piece. **What’s one of your favorite games of this sort? If you have a choice, what avatar/piece(s) do you pick? In what ways is your game piece/avatar a reflection of you? In what ways does it fall short? How do you feel when your piece has no “safe” move to make?**

**1b)** Novels and movies usually tell a story by helping us connect with certain characters. We often get to see a lot more of what’s going on than any one character in the story can see, but we don’t get to tell any of the characters what to do. **Have you ever read a story in which you’ve wished you could warn one of the characters or convince them to do something other than what they have chosen? What was the situation, and how did you feel as you kept reading?**

##### A little deeper

**2) [Colossians 1:15]** This verse says that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. This notion appears in other places, too. **Read these verses and answer the question that follows:**

Genesis 1:26-27      Deuteronomy 4:15-19

Luke 20:22-25      John 14:8-10

2 Corinthians 3:18

**What does it mean to be the image of God?**

**3) [Colossians 1:16-18]** These verses list several ways in which Jesus is first, supreme, and all-around #1. **What other evidence or examples of Jesus’ “first-ness” come to mind?** (If you need a bit of help, see if your bible has cross-references to other passages. See also Luke 20:41-44, which references Psalm 110)

**4) [Colossians 1:19-20]** **What do you think it means that God had “all His fullness dwell” within Jesus? Has this changed the way you view the life of Jesus and His suffering on the cross?**

##### Bringing it home

**5) What role(s) do you allow Jesus to have in your daily life?**

**6)** Faith in Jesus has two major aspects: trust and obedience. Ideally, it’s a virtuous cycle: you trust Jesus, so you feel more comfortable acting out of obedience to Him; you act out of obedience, so you see the fruit of your choices and God’s provision. But sometimes we don’t trust Jesus in certain areas and restrict His access to that part of our lives. **In what areas of your life does Jesus still have “restricted access”?**

**7) What do you think would increase your faith in Jesus and God the Father, so that you could give Jesus “full access” to more aspects of your life?** (Consider not only what *you* might do based on what Jesus has already said, but what you might ask of *Him* so that you could trust Him more deeply.)