

JESUS, KING OVER ALL Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus the King in his kingdom, the kingdom of 13-14
He is the 'firstborn' (cf Psalm 89:27)

Supreme and sufficient King over all creation (15-17)

God's image ...

- in him (16a, 17b)
- through him (16b)
- for him (16b)

Supreme and sufficient King over the new creation (18-20)

The 'church' is not an anticlimax
Jesus was the first to be raised from the dead ... into a whole new world
And we are too (3:1-4)!

- in him (19)
- through him (20a)
- to him (lit. 'for him') (20b)

Conclusion: who Jesus is means he can do what he came to do ... for 'all things'

Applied to musicians

Applied to our music

CONTINUE IN HIM Colossians 1:21-23a

Zoom in from the cosmic to the personal: 'you'

You were once God's enemies (21)

- alienated from God
- hostile to God
- in mind / in deeds

Jesus has now reconciled you (22)

- 'reconciliation' is 'making up after a quarrel'
- how he does it
- how God sees us and treats us

If you continue ... (23a)

Conclusion: the real danger is that these Colossians/we might not continue
'Jesus plus ... anything' diminishes the King

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