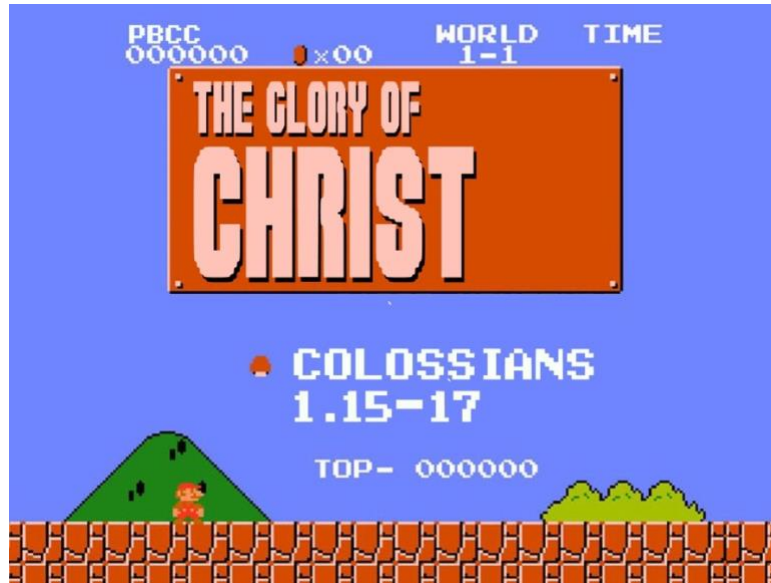


The Glory of Christ, Part 1

Col 1:15-17



Background: What do chiasmic poetic structures, the Early Church, and a middle-aged Italian plumber in a land of sentient mushrooms have in common? They all point to the ultimate reality of the Lord Jesus Christ! Join us this Sunday in finding out how as we take a look at Colossians 1:15-17 -- and gaze more deeply into the glory of God in Christ.

Sermon Text: Col 1:15-17 (ESV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

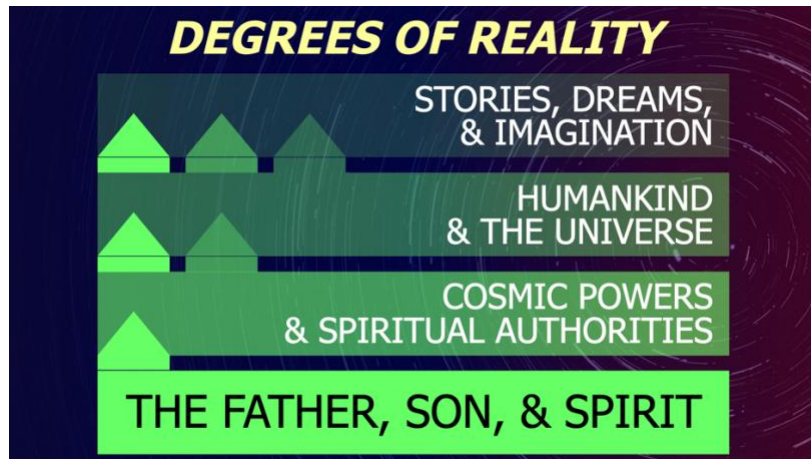
Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- As you reflect on the sermon, what stands out to you the most?
- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

2. Sermon questions

- a. Announcements: Are you interested in getting involved in our new youth trip to Ensenada, Mexico? Why or why not? Some opportunities include helping financially or as prayer partners.
- b. "Christ's hold on every aspect of reality is total." How do you respond to this statement?
- c. Did Eugene's example of the different degrees of reality help you (see screen shot below)? Explain.



- d. How does Christ's ultimate reality affect how you live your life?
- e. Eugene reminded us that not all sermons result in application. For this one, he encouraged us to simply gaze at Christ. What stirs in your heart when you gaze at the glory of Christ?