

Lord Over Creation

PASTOR MIKE YODER • COLOSSIANS 1:15–20

JESUS CHRIST

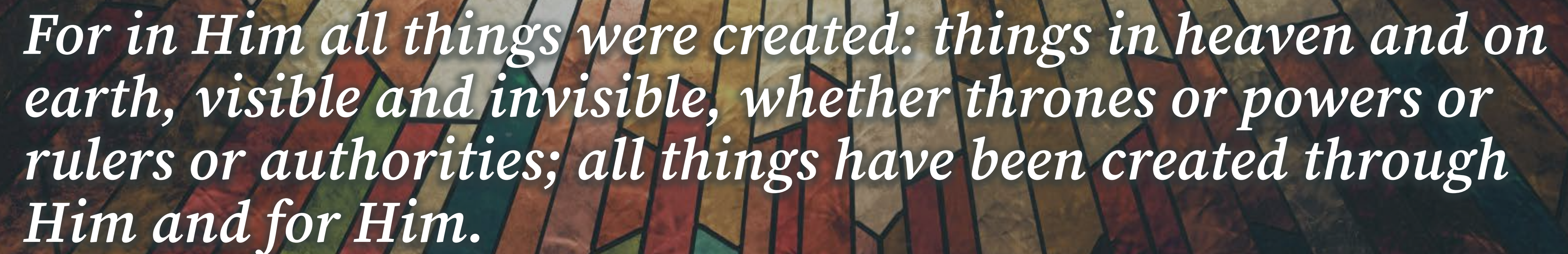
WITHOUT
EQUAL

SUPREME OVER ALL

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The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:15

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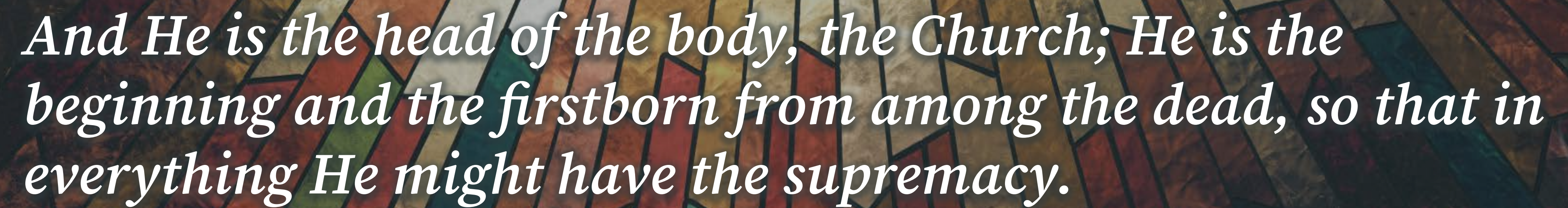
For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16

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He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:17



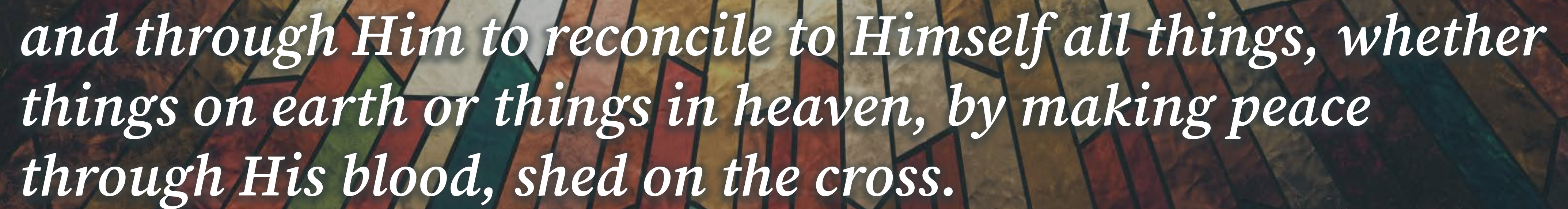
And He is the head of the body, the Church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:18

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For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him,

Colossians 1:19

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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.

Colossians 1:20

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Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

Colossians 1:21

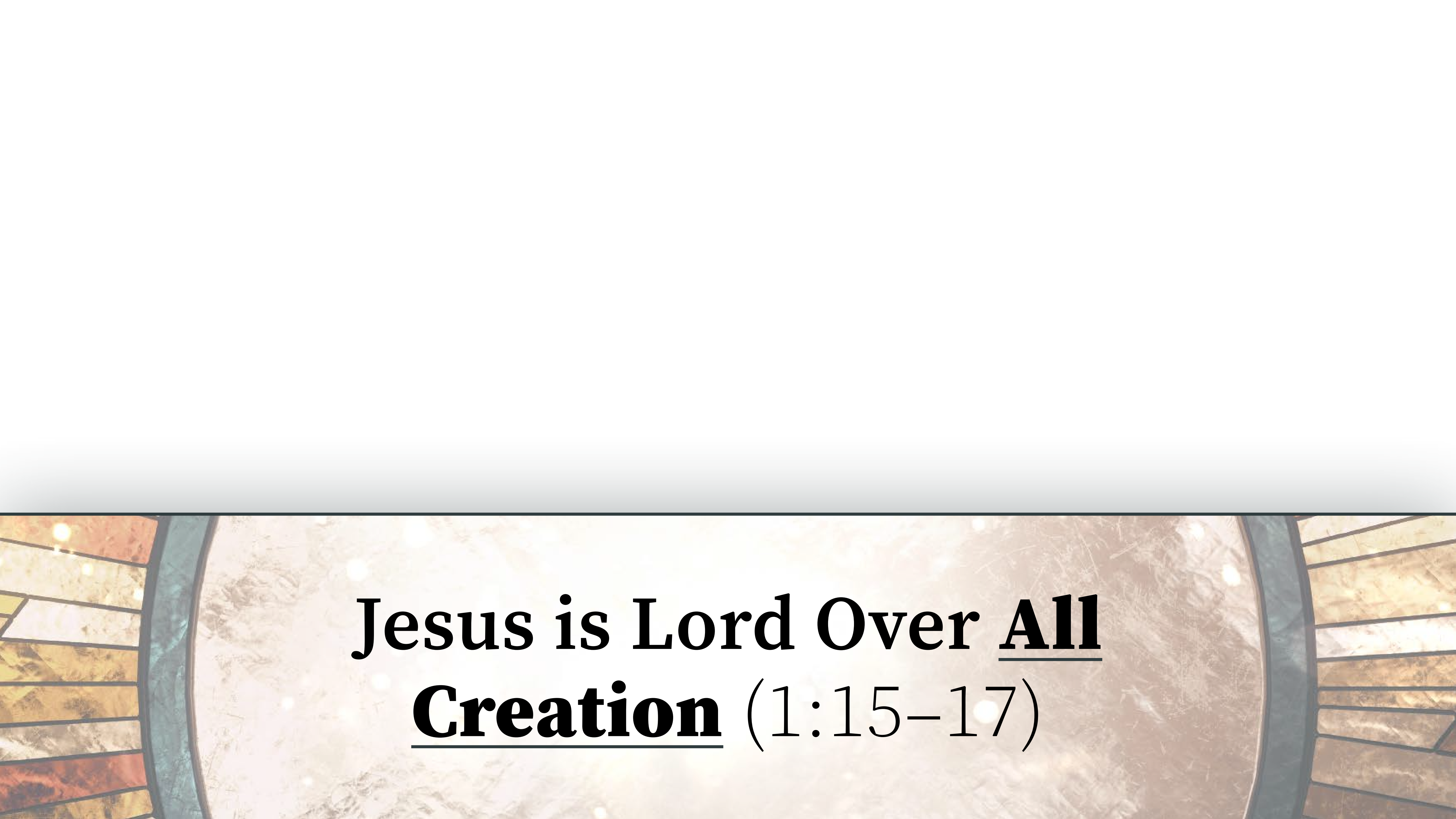
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But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation —

Colossians 1:22

if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the Gospel. This is the Gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Colossians 1:23

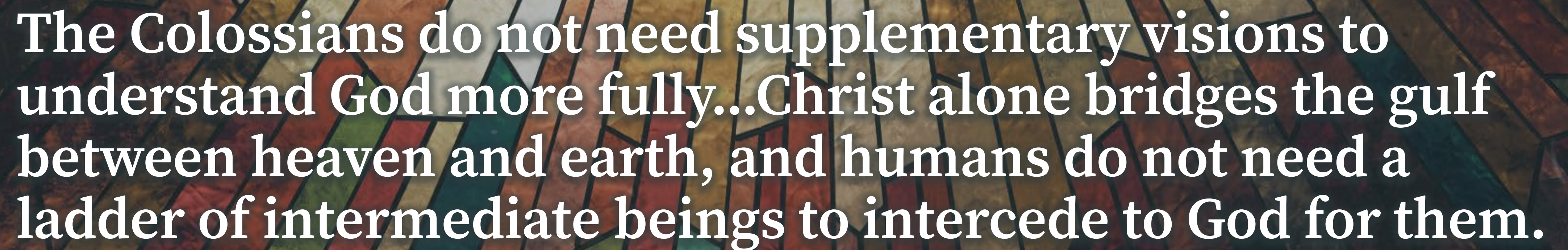
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**Jesus is Lord Over All
Creation (1:15–17)**

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Each person of the Trinity is fully God and has all the attributes of God. The only distinctions between the members of the Trinity are in the ways they relate to each other and to creation.

Wayne Grudem

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The Colossians do not need supplementary visions to understand God more fully...Christ alone bridges the gulf between heaven and earth, and humans do not need a ladder of intermediate beings to intercede to God for them.

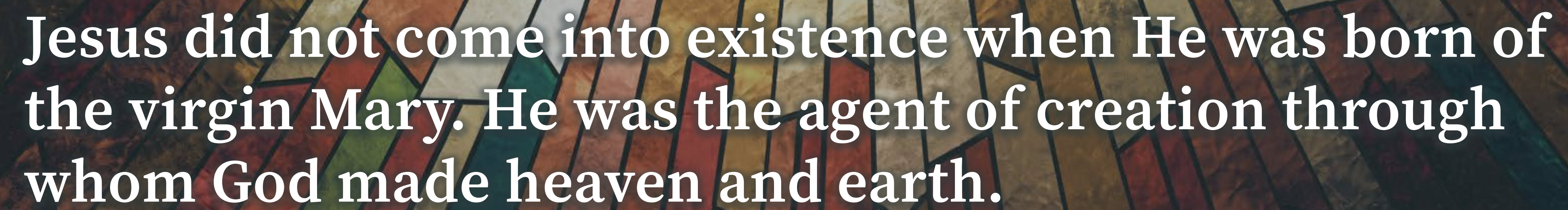
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*And I will appoint him to be My firstborn, the most exalted
of the kings of the earth.*

Psalm 89:27

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He is not the first created being with primacy within creation; He has primacy over all creation.

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Jesus did not come into existence when He was born of the virgin Mary. He was the agent of creation through whom God made heaven and earth.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:12

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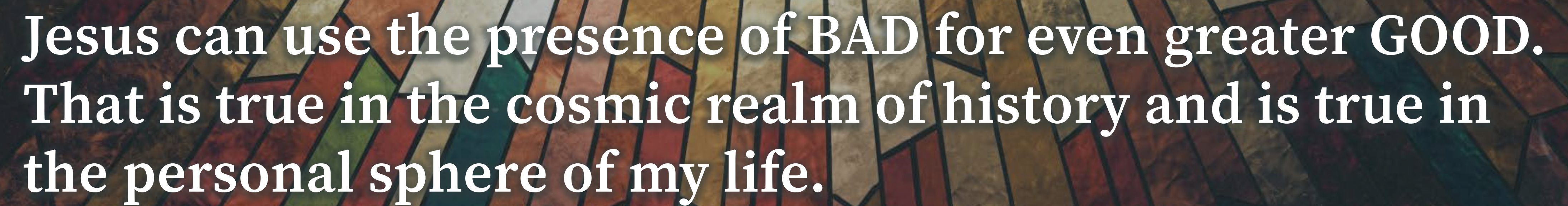
having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:14

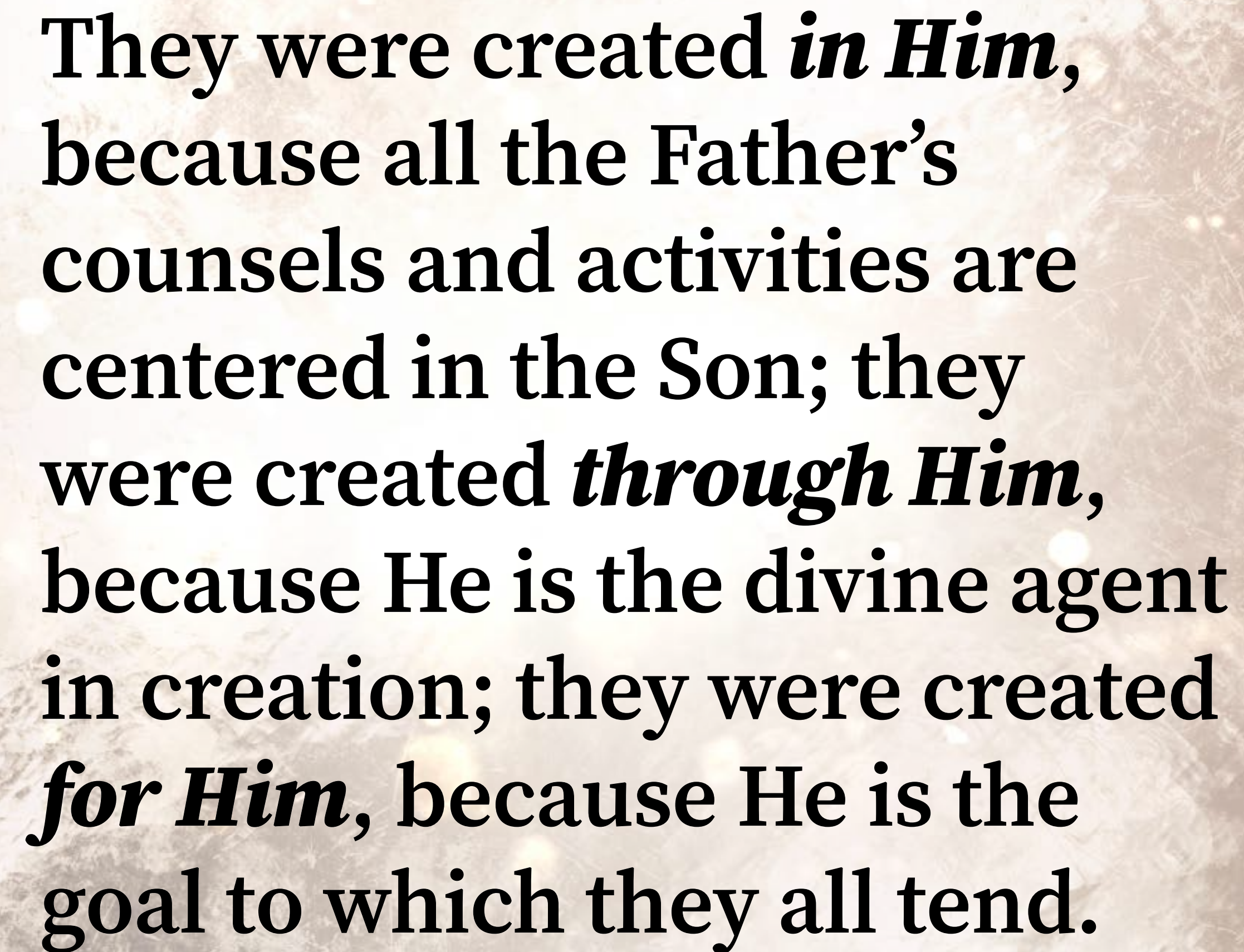
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And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:15

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Jesus can use the presence of BAD for even greater GOOD.
That is true in the cosmic realm of history and is true in
the personal sphere of my life.

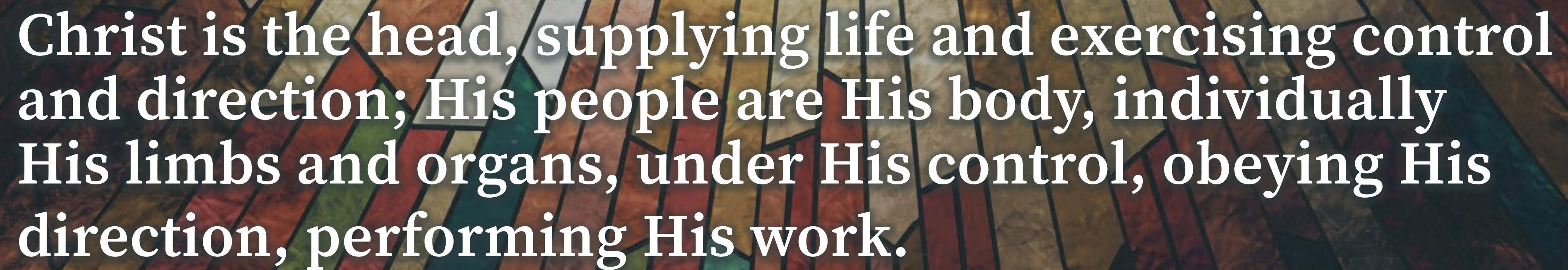


**They were created *in Him*,
because all the Father's
counsels and activities are
centered in the Son; they
were created *through Him*,
because He is the divine agent
in creation; they were created
for Him, because He is the
goal to which they all tend.**

F.F. Bruce



**Jesus is Lord Over the
New Creation (1:18–20)**

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Christ is the head, supplying life and exercising control and direction; His people are His body, individually His limbs and organs, under His control, obeying His direction, performing His work.

F.F. Bruce

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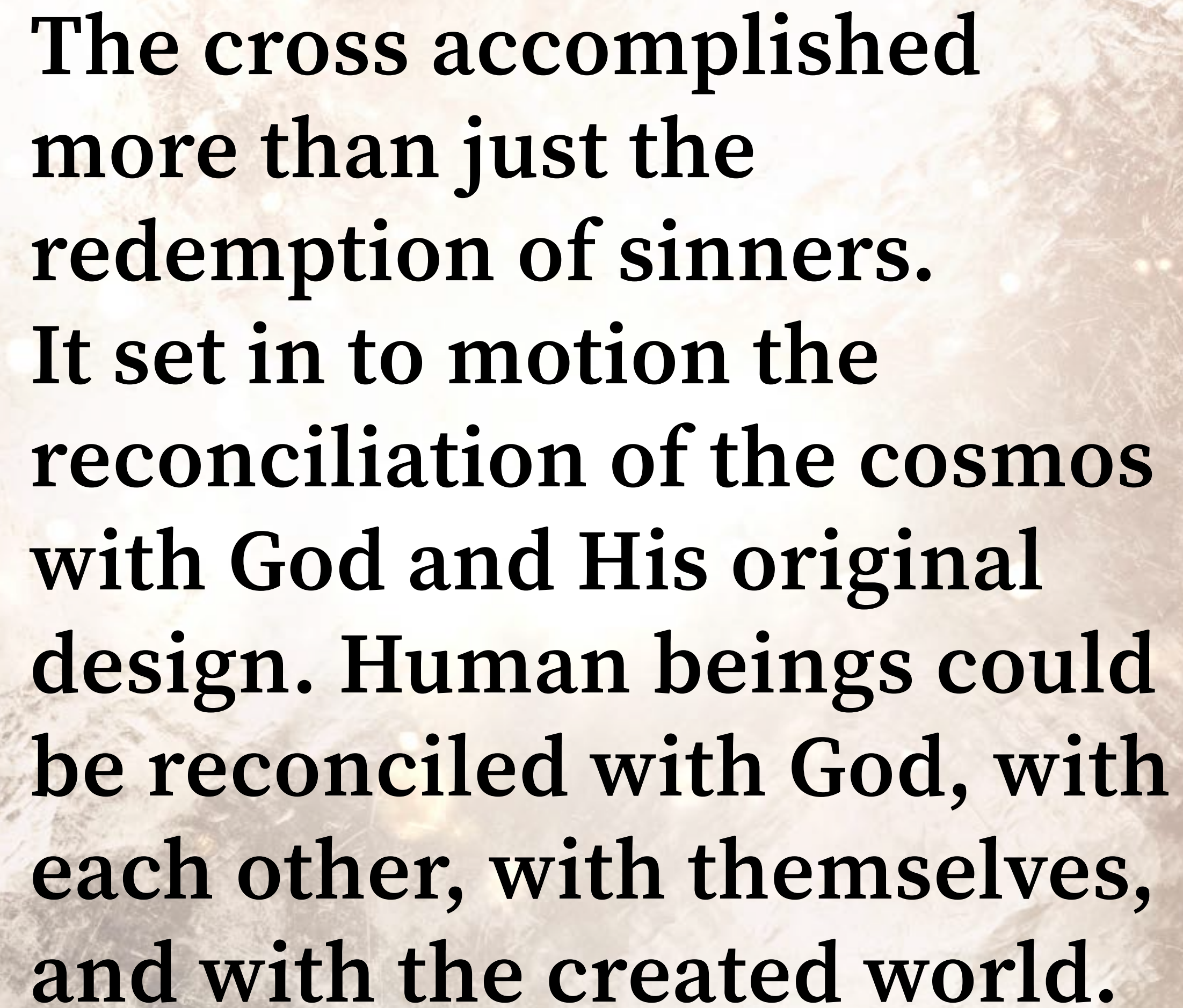
All the attributes and activities of God — His Spirit, Word, wisdom, and glory — are perfectly displayed in Christ.

Peter O'Brien

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No spiritually blind (2 Corinthians 4:4) and dead (Ephesians 2:5) sinner would see or savor the glory of Christ in creation without the new-covenant work of Christ.

John Piper



The cross accomplished more than just the redemption of sinners. It set in to motion the reconciliation of the cosmos with God and His original design. Human beings could be reconciled with God, with each other, with themselves, and with the created world.



**Jesus is Lord Over
the Re-Creation (1:21–23)**

Paul fully expects that the Colossian believers will continue in the faith; no doubt is expressed. Nevertheless, the statement shows that faithfulness to the end is essential in the Christian life.



The universe is designed in God's wisdom — and governed by God's providence — to be a theater for the glory of God,

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manifest consummately in the glory of His grace, enacted through the glory of Christ, which shines most brightly in His suffering for undeserving rebels.

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**The eternal Jesus is supreme
over everything — seen and
unseen, saved and hostile.**