

Here...but not yet

Understanding the subjection of
creation to Christ

A Description of Jesus

- ▶ Lower than the angels
- ▶ Made perfect (completed his task) through suffering and death
- ▶ Ultimately exalted to the right hand of God
- ▶ Everything has been placed under his control, everything has been made subject to him
- ▶ Yet we do not see that as the reality

A Chief Dilemma

- ▶ How can all things be subjected to Christ...yet the world be the way it is?
- ▶ Rally as the second biggest trafficking event
- ▶ Famine, pain, unanswered prayer

The Reality of this World

▶ John 16:33 (ESV)

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Reality...Be in the world

► John 17:15-19 (CSBBible)

¹⁵ I am not praying that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ I sanctify myself for them, so that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Reality...

Do not fear the world

▶ **Hebrews 13:6 (ESV)**

⁶ So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Despite the World, We do see Jesus

- ▶ God has given us his eyes
- ▶ His heart
- ▶ His mind

God Has Equipped Us

- ▶ The churches in the northern hills could adopt and foster every South Dakota child waiting for a family and house every homeless person.
- ▶ We could feed every hungry family
- ▶ If every person in this church discipled one person a year and that person repeated the process, every man, woman, and child in Whitewood would be covered within five years. If every Whitewood church did that it would only take two.

The Question is not...

- ▶ “Why doesn’t God do something?”
- ▶ So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, “God, why don’t You do something?”
He said, “I did, yeah, I created you”
- ▶ - Matthew West

The Question is...

- ▶ Will you respond to God's call?
- ▶ **Hebrews 3:13 (NKJV)**
¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "*Today*," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.