



Christ Over All
Creation and the Church
Colossians 1:15-20

1. Why do you think the question, “Who is Jesus?” is so important? Discuss.
2. Read Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:3a, John 14:9b, and John 10:30. Discuss the implications of the idea that Jesus is God. What were the biggest questions you had about Jesus in your faith journey?
3. Read Colossians 1:16-17. What difference does it make for you to realize that Jesus is the Creator of all things, and that it was all created for His purposes? What assurances do you get from knowing that Jesus is holding everything together?
4. Read Colossians 1:18-19. What difference does it make for you to know that Jesus is the ‘head’ of the church? Why do you think, according to this passage, we should not forsake gathering (Hebrews 10:25)? What benefit is there to being part of His Body, the Church?
5. Read Colossians 1:20. What was it like for you to be ‘reconciled’ to God? How does that bring ‘peace’ into your day-to-day experiences?

Application

Take a few moments to pray and worship Jesus for who He is. Thank Him for being willing to lay aside His rights and privileges in heaven and die on the cross for you. Ask Him to be more real to you this coming week.

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Colossians 1:9-14
Christ over my Purpose

Image: Who is Jesus?

Theme: Christ over Creation and the Church

I. Jesus and God (v. 15)

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."

Image- idols

Hebrews 1:3a

"He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature."

John 14:9b

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

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John 10:30

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John 1:3 "All things were made through him, ..."

Hebrews 1:10a- "You laid the foundation of the earth...the heavens are the work of your hands."

Image= Earth

Image- Sun/Earth

Image- Canis Majoris

Image- Our Galaxy

Image- Human Cell

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III. Jesus and the Church (v. 18-19)

“And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,”

John 1:16 “...and of his fullness we have all received...”

Ephesians 1:22-23

“...Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

IV. Jesus and the World (v. 20)

“and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”