

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Colossians 1:13-20

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Notes:

So What?

- ☐ He is the _____ of _____.
- ☐ He is very _____ of very _____.
- ☐ His _____ and _____ is higher than all creation.
- ☐ He is not _____.
- ☐ He _____ all things
- ☐ He _____ before _____.
- ☐ He _____ all He _____.
- ☐ He is the _____ of the _____.
- ☐ His is the _____ of the _____.
- ☐ He is the one who _____ us to Himself.
- ☐ He made peace by His _____ on the _____.
- ☐ **He has** _____ **in** _____!

The Incomparable Christ: In what ways does Paul establish both the deity and humanity of Jesus in this passage? What happens if you deny one or the other?

Image of God: Colossians 1:15 states that Jesus is “the image of the invisible God.” How does Jesus’ exact representation of God contrast with humanity’s imperfect image? Why is this distinction important?

Firstborn of Creation: “Firstborn” in Colossians 1:15 refers to rank, not chronological creation, using examples like Jacob and Esau. How does this interpretation counter the Colossian heresy’s view of Jesus as a lesser emanation?

Creator of All: Colossians 1:16 says all things were created “by Him,” “through Him,” and “for Him.” How does Paul’s “100% language” (e.g., “all means all”) refute the false teachers’ that a good God could not have created “evil” matter?

Sustainer of Creation: According to Colossians 1:17, “in Him all things hold together.” How does Christ sustaining the laws of physics and science illustrate His divine authority over creation? In what ways do you see Jesus sustaining power in your life?

Head of the Church: Colossians 1:18 calls Jesus the “head of the body, the church.” Discuss the importance of the words God uses to describe His church: family, a kingdom, a vineyard, a flock, a building, a bride, and especially, the body.

Preeminence in Everything: In what ways does Jesus occupy the first place in your life? In what areas do other people or other things take priority over Jesus? What current false teachings deny Christ’s sufficiency?

Reconciliation Through the Cross: What truths about Christ do you want to remember when sharing about your faith in Him with others who do not know Him?

This Week: What specifically will you do this week to recognize Christ as preeminent, or before all things, in your daily life? Determine how this truth or principle impacts the relationships in our life where you live, work, study, or play.

Memorize: Colossians 1:19-20.