

# It's all about *Jesus!*

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## Part 1 | It's ALL About Jesus!

Colossians 1:15-18

*So, my dear Christian friends, companions in following this call to the heights, **take a good hard look at Jesus.***

*He's the centerpiece of everything we believe.*

*– Hebrews 3:1 (MSG)*

Jesus is **GOD**,

v. 15

**To know who God is, look at Jesus...**

Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:4; John 14:9; John 1:18; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:16

**To know who you are, look at Jesus...**

Genesis 1:26-27; Philippians 2:6-7; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 2:9-10; 1 John 3:1-2

**LORD** of all

v. 16-17

**Everything created by/through Jesus**

Revelation 1:17, 1:5; Psalm 89:27; Romans 8:29; Revelation 19:16; Ephesians 1:20-21

**Everything created for Jesus**

Philippians 2:9-10

and **FIRST** in all things!

v. 17-18

**FIRST! PREEMINENT!**

Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 5:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:20; Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6

*Is he first in your life?*

**Colossians 1:15-18 (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.

**18** 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.



# Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

Use these questions as a guide to read through *Colossians* this week.

**Monday** – Read 1:1-14: In vs. 9-12, Paul once again includes a prayer for the readers of his letter. What is the outcome Paul desires to see in their lives? (Note the words “so that” in v. 10, which mean what follows is the reason for his prayer.) Which part of that prayer would you most like to be true of your life?

**Tuesday** – Read 1:15-29 & 2:13-15: Take a few minutes to marvel at who Christ is (vs. 1:15-20) and what He has done for you (vs. 1:21-23 & 2:13-15). Express your appreciation for what He has done for you in a prayer of thanksgiving.

**Wednesday** – Read Chapter 2: Paul warns the Colossians about falling prey to “hollow and deceptive philosophy.” What stands out to you about the freedom we have in Christ in vs. 16-23 because of all He has done for us?

**Thursday** – Read 3:1-17: In this passage, Paul tells the Colossians “how to dress.” Which of the things he mentions we shouldn’t wear is hardest for you to take off? Which of the things he mentions we should be wearing is most needed for you to put on?

**Friday** – Read 3:18-4:18: How could you put into practice the parts of Paul’s teaching about family life and work that fit your life situation? Which part of Paul’s prayer in 4:2-4 would you like others to pray for you? What are two to three ways you can be wise toward “outsiders” as Paul suggests in 4:4-6?



## Life Groups Return Soon!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you’re interested, look for sign-ups **NEXT WEEK** or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

# Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week’s message.

## Word Find for Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>15</sup> He is the **image** of the **invisible** God, the **firstborn** of all **creation**. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all **things**, and in him all **things** **hold together**. <sup>18</sup> 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**. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the **fullness** of God was **pleased** to **dwell**, <sup>20</sup> and through him to **reconcile** to himself all **things**, whether on **earth** or in **heaven**, **making peace** by the **blood** of his **cross**.

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