

It's all about Jesus!

Sunday, August 22, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 2 | The Church is All About Jesus!

Colossians 1:18a, Multiple Scriptures

Intro: What is the Church? What *isn't* it?

Local Church

Some of God's people in a particular place at a particular time.

"church"

visible

(as we see it)

Universal Church

All of God's people in all places throughout all time.

"Church"

invisible

(as God sees it)

1. The Church *is not* **A BUILDING**
2. The Church *is not* **A SINGLE DENOMINATION**
3. The Church *is not* **A BUSINESS**
4. The Church *is not* **A COUNTRY CLUB**
5. The Church *is not* **FROM A SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY**
6. The Church *is not* **YOUR TICKET TO HEAVEN**
7. The Church *is not* **HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS**

The Church exists to **WORSHIP** Jesus,

Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1:5-12; John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:5-15, Ephesians 1:22; 1 Peter 5:4

LOVE Jesus,

Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 8:28-29; Colossians 2:18-19; John 15:4-5; Mark 3:14

and help others **KNOW** Jesus!

Matthew 5:16; John 20:21

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 Hebrews 1:1-3 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

¹ **Long** ago, at **many times** and in **many ways**, God **spoke** to our **fathers** by the **prophets**, ² but in these **last days** he has **spoken** to us by his Son, whom he **appointed** the **heir** of all **things**, through whom **also** he **created** the world. ³ He is the **radiance** of the **glory** of God and the **exact imprint** of his **nature**, and he **upholds** the **universe** by the word of his **power**. After **making purification** for **sins**, he sat down at the **right hand** of the **Majesty** on **high**,

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