



Who is Jesus?

Colossians 1:15-18

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- I. The image of the invisible God v15a
- II. The first born of all creation v15b
- III. In Him the universe was created v16
 - a. every power and dominion both physical and spiritual were created by Him
- IV. He is before the Universe v17a
- V. In Him the Universe coheres v17b
- VI. The head of the Body, the Church v18a
- VII. The Firstborn from among the dead v18b

Colossians 1:12-22

7 fold attitude of Love and forgiveness of God usward:

“... partakers of the inheritance of the saints” v12

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness” v13

“... moved us into the Kingdom of the Son of His Love” v13

“In whom we have redemption through His Blood” v14

“the forgiveness of sins” v14

“... yet now He has reconciled” v21

“... to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight” v22

Colossians 1:15-18

- 1) The **visible** form of the invisible God
Likeness as a coin or reflection in a mirror
Manifestation that God is fully revealed in Jesus.
- 2) The **firstborn** of all creation – #1 importance over everything created;
 - 1) Jesus existing before all things that were created and;
 - 2) Jesus is supremely different than all created things.
- 3) In **Him the universe was created** – John 1:1-5, 1:10
- 4) **He is before the universe** – Jesus is eternal, He's not created as the Mormon's or Muslims like to say
- 5) **In Him the universe coheres** – all things are joined together from separate parts into a whole, brought into existence by Him.

2 Peter 3:5

- 6) **The Head of the body, the Church** – our relationship to Jesus is that He is our head, He directs us, points us.

1 Cor 12:27

Eph1:22

Eph4:115

- 7) **The Firstborn from among the dead** – He is the #1 priority of those who are risen to life from death.

Study Questions:

Why is Jesus worthy of all our worship?

Colossians 1:19-27

2 great things we are meant to learn and which point us to 3 aspects of His person, passion, and purpose:

- 1) All the fulness of God is **in** Christ
- 2) All the fulness of Christ is **for** us

3:19 – Fulness – of Christ contains and includes the whole Godhead.

Everything that Jesus is, we see the fulness of who God is through Jesus.

To grow in the knowledge and understanding of who God is, we look and grow from only one person, Jesus.

In Him the whole fulness of the Godhead was pleased to dwell.

3:20 – Cross – of Christ contains and includes the whole Universe.

The peacemaking of the Cross has both Spiritual and universal physical complete covering for the sin that has spread throughout it.

Sin existed before Adam and Eve, the Crossed finished and resolved it all.

3:26 – Mystery – of Christ contains and includes all the ages.

There are no new mysteries and secret coverings which cover different ages and times of the Church, the glorious mystery of the Church spans all ages and generations.