

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **Colossians**

Sermon Title: **Christ is Everything in the Universe**

Scripture Passage: **Colossians 1:15-20**

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

1. You often hear people say something like, “All roads lead to God,” or “Everyone is trying to get to the same place, there are just different paths to get there.” People in all eras since the first-century church have refused to believe that Jesus could be the only way to God and eternal life. The Colossians were up against this type of faulty thinking. How would you respond to someone who emphatically believes Jesus is just one path of many to the “same place?”

Observation *Discovering the context*

2. Drawing from Colossians 1:15-18, write down as many statements as you see presented about why Jesus is supreme. Begin each statement with the phrase, “Christ is...”

3. Heretics in Paul’s day viewed Jesus as one of many lesser spirits descending in sequential inferiority from God. What does Paul mean when he says that Jesus is the “image” of the invisible God?

4. Human beings were created in the “image of God.” The fall of Adam and Eve marred the original image of God in man. But what is the common hope for the believer that runs through the following Scripture passages?

Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:10

5. In Genesis 1:1 we read, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” According to Colossians 1:16-17, who was it specifically, that did this original creative work?
6. As Colossians states that all things were created for Jesus, do you think it is accurate to say that Jesus is the actual *purpose* for the creation?
7. At funerals and memorial services, people often refer to the one who died as if they are now an “angel.” According to Hebrews 1:14, what are the purpose of angels? Who do they minister to?
8. According to 1 Peter 3:22, who has authority over angels?
9. How do Psalm 89:27 and Colossians 1:15 align with each other? What is their common “truth” about Jesus?

Interpretation Discovering the meaning

10. There are many metaphors used in Scripture to describe the church. Discover and write down the short phrase used to describe the church in each of the Scriptures below.

- a. Galatians 6:9-10
- b. Ephesians 2:19
- c. 1 Peter 4:17
- d. 1 Peter 2:5
- e. 1 Corinthians 3:9

11. According to 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, Christ is the first-fruits. What is Christ the first-fruits of?

12. What would be the effect if Jesus did not “hold all things together?”

13. What do Colossians 1:20 and 2 Corinthians 5:18 have in common?

Core Truths Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

Practice Makes Progress Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

Worth Memorizing

Scripture: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.* (Colossians 1:15)

Prayer Time

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Praise Time

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?