

WHO IS JESUS?
Colossians 1:12-21
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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Jesus Christ **is** God the Son.
- b) Jesus does not want a place in our lives or wish for prominence in our lives; He deserves and demands preeminence.

2) JESUS REVEALS THE FATHER (Colossians 1:15)

- a) Jesus is the image of the invisible God.
 - i) The visible Jesus makes the invisible God known.
 - ii) We can never fully know God the Father apart from God the Son.
 - iii) Colossians 2:9
 - iv) Matthew 11:27
- b) Jesus is the first-born, above all creation.
 - i) The word “first-born” in Colossians 1:15 does not imply a beginning; Jesus never had a beginning. There was never a time when Jesus was not. Instead, the word speaks of honor and privilege.
 - ii) John 8:58
 - iii) Psalm 89:27
 - iv) Colossians 1:17

3) JESUS RULES THE FUTURE (Colossians 1:16-20)

- a) Jesus is the power of creation.
 - i) Colossians 1:16
 - ii) John 1:3
 - iii) John 3:7
- b) Jesus is the preserver of creation.
 - i) Colossians 1:17
 - ii) Isaiah 40:26
- c) Jesus is the purpose of creation.
 - i) Colossians 1:16
 - ii) Matthew 6:10
 - iii) Isaiah 33:22
- d) The preposition “for” in Colossians 1:16 speaks of direction.
 - i) The Bible is linear: we are moving to a time when the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

4) JESUS RECONCILES THE FALLEN (Colossians 1:18-21)

- a) The Creator of the universe died for sinful man.
- b) The Maker of every seed, every limb, every tree died upon a tree to make peace between us and God.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Is Jesus Christ number one in your life?
- b) In all things, Jesus Christ should have the preeminence.

- c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31