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Out of the billions who have ever lived, only a handful of people have made a lasting imprint upon society. There is one who stands head and shoulders above all others: Jesus, the One and Only Son of God.

Adrian Rogers says, “To explain Jesus is impossible, to ignore Him is disastrous, and to deny Him is fatal.”

Words don’t come close to explaining the majesty of Jesus Christ, but there are three things we can learn about Him from Colossians 1.

First, Jesus alone reveals the Father.

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” (Colossians 1:15).

Jesus has the monopoly on divine revelation; the only way we can know God the Father is through Jesus.

This verse also explains that He is the first-born, above all things, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Second, Jesus alone rules the Universe.

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him” (Colossians 1:16).

Jesus is the power of creation. Adrian Rogers says, “That little baby in Matthew 1 is the Mighty God of Genesis 1.”

He is the preserver of creation, the one who holds it all together. By Jesus, all things consist; He’s the one who fuels the sun, who veils the moon with beauty and keeps the stars on their courses.

He is the purpose of creation; it was all made by Him and for Him, and we are moving toward the day when He is crowned Lord of All.

Finally, Jesus alone reconciles the lost.

“...and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross” (Colossians 1:20).

When we see Jesus’ deity, we can understand the greatness of His death. His deity makes His death meaningful, and His death makes His deity knowable. Jesus stepped down from glory and became like us in order to reconcile us to God the Father. He alone is worthy of our praise.

Life Application

Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who reveals the Father, rules the Universe, and reconciles the lost? Serve Him today and share your faith in Him with others.



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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) It is not enough to simply believe in one god.
 - i) If we believe in one god, and he's the wrong god, then that is doubly dangerous.
- b) There is only one true God.
 - i) He is Jehovah, the triune God of the Bible.
- c) Many people today want to make Jesus just one among many.
 - i) For example, they claim that He is just one of the ways to Heaven.
- d) Out of the billions of people who have ever lived, only a handful of them have made a lasting, dramatic imprint upon society.
 - i) But there is one person who stands head and shoulders above all others, and His name is Jesus.
 - (1) Jesus, who is more than a man, has received more attention, devotion, criticism, and opposition than anyone who has ever lived.
 - (2) Every recorded word that Jesus Christ ever said has been studied, scrutinized, dissected, and compared.
 - (3) More than twenty centuries after Jesus Christ was here on this Earth, literally millions are studying His Word.
 - (a) People are thinking about the significance of His words and His actions.
- e) Jesus Christ lived in a tiny place called Bethlehem about two thousand years ago.
 - i) His very birth divides all history.
 - (1) A.D., Anno Domini, means "The year of our Lord."
 - (2) B.C. means "Before Christ."
 - ii) He never wrote a book that we know of, yet the books that have been written about Him would fill the libraries of this world.
 - iii) He never painted a picture or carved a sculpture that we know of, yet He has been the inspiration behind the greatest art of the world.
 - iv) He never wrote a song that we know of, yet millions sing the many songs of Heaven based in Jesus.
 - v) He never raised an army that we know of, but He has an army of followers.
 - (1) Followers who are not willing to kill others for Him but are willing to die for Him, to live for Him, and to share His love.
 - vi) His travels were limited as far as we know, never traveling outside the land of Israel.
 - (1) Yet, around the world, the sun does not set on people who are worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 - vii) He started with only a handful of followers, yet over 30% of the world population say they believe in Jesus Christ.
 - viii) He only taught for three years, yet for two thousand years, we are still studying every word that the Lord Jesus said.
 - ix) He had no formal education, but universities and seminaries have been founded in His name.
- f) Kenneth Scott Latourette: "Jesus has had more effect on the history of mankind than any other



of its race who ever existed. To explain Jesus is impossible. To ignore Jesus is disastrous. To deny Him is fatal.”

- i) We need to understand who Jesus Christ is.
- g) Colossians 1:19
- h) Jesus is not to be prominent in our lives; He is to be pre-eminent.
 - i) Jesus doesn't just show the way; He is the way.
 - ii) Jesus doesn't just give life; He is the life.
 - iii) Jesus doesn't just tell the truth; He is the truth.
- i) In today's message, we will learn three specific things about the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - i) He is the one and only.

2) JESUS ALONE REVEALS THE FATHER

- a) Colossians 1:15
 - i) This passage is speaking of Jesus.
 - ii) God Himself is invisible.
 - iii) God in His essence is Spirit.
 - iv) He is un-seeable, unknowable, and unapproachable, unless we have some way to come to Him, someone to bring us to Him, and someone to reveal God the Father to us.
 - (1) Reason is not enough.
 - (2) Religion is not enough.
 - (3) Ritual is not enough.
 - (4) Jesus Christ Himself is the one who makes the invisible God knowable.
 - (a) Jesus is the image of the invisible God.
 - (b) We can never fully know God the Father unless we know Him through God the Son.
 - v) In this passage, the word “image” is the Greek word “icon,” which means “an exact representation.”
 - (1) Jesus is God in human flesh.
- b) Colossians 2:9
 - i) The Godhead consists of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- c) According to Scripture, the only way to know God as Father is through Jesus Christ.
 - i) Matthew 11:27
 - (1) Jesus said that we cannot know God unless He reveals God the Father to us.
- d) When Jesus went to the temple as a twelve-year-old boy, He was questioned by the learned theologians.
 - i) They might have asked Him his age.
 - (1) He could have said, “On my mother's side, I am twelve-years-old.”
 - (a) “On my Father's side, I'm older than my mother and just as old as my Father.”
 - (i) There never was a time when Jesus was not; He has always been.
 - (2) On His mother's side, He got thirsty.
 - (a) On His Father's side, He created the oceans and every brook, every lake, and spring.
 - (b) Revelation 21:6
 - (3) On His mother's side, He got hungry.
 - (a) On His Father's side, He fed five thousand people.
 - (i) Matthew 14:17-21
 - (ii) He is the bread of life.
 - 1. John 6:35
 - (4) On His mother's side, He lived in poverty and was homeless.



- (a) On His Father's side, He created the universe and owns the cattle on a thousand hills.
 - (i) Psalm 50:10
 - (5) On His mother's side, with a broken heart, He wept at the tomb of Lazarus.
 - (a) On His Father's side, He said, "Lazarus, come forth," and Lazarus came out of the grave.
 - (i) John 11:43
- e) Jesus is the express image of the invisible God.
 - i) He could say, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."
 - (1) John 14:9
- f) Jesus is called the firstborn.
 - i) Colossians 1:15
 - (1) The word "firstborn" might imply to some people that He was created.
 - (2) In this passage, though, the word "firstborn" does not refer to time but to position or status.
 - (a) It doesn't mean that Jesus was the first being ever created.
 - (b) He is the one who created all things.
 - ii) Colossians 1:16
 - (1) He could not be created if He was the one who created all things.
 - (a) Jesus never had a beginning.
 - (i) There was never a time when Jesus was not.
 - iii) Jesus is before all things and above all things, whether things in Heaven, things on Earth, powers or principalities.
 - iv) Firstborn refers to His status; He is over everything.
 - v) Psalm 89:27
 - (1) This speaks of status.
- g) He is King of kings and Lord of lords.
- h) Jesus alone reveals the Father.

3) JESUS ALONE RULES THE UNIVERSE

- a) Colossians 1:16-17
 - i) Not only does Jesus reveal the Father, but He also rules the universe.
- b) Jesus is the power of creation.
 - i) Jesus made everything.
 - ii) The little baby in Matthew 1 is the mighty God of Genesis 1.
 - (1) He is the same God who created it all.
 - iii) The Bible teaches against evolution.
 - (1) Evolutionists believe that "nothing times nobody equals everything."
 - (2) We cannot say that it all just happened and that we also believe in Jesus.
 - (a) We cannot have it both ways.
 - (b) It didn't just happen; Jesus created it all.
 - iv) If we do not believe in the creation by the Lord Jesus Christ, then we have three problems:
 - (1) We have a problem with the Scriptures.
 - (a) If we cannot believe the Scriptures when they tell us from whence we came, then how can we trust the Scriptures when they tell us where we are going?
 - (i) We need to be concerned not only about the origin of the species, but also about the destiny of the species.



- (2) We will have trouble with salvation.
 - (a) If we believe that man emerged from some primordial ooze, then we do not believe in a creation.
 - (b) If we do not believe in a creation, then we do not believe that man was made perfect and fell into sin.
 - (i) If we don't believe in a Garden of Eden, then we don't believe in a fall.
 - (c) If we believe Genesis 3 is a myth, then John 3 that says we must be born again is a farce.
 - (i) If we do not believe in a direct creation, then we are going to have trouble with salvation.
- (3) We will have trouble with society.
 - (a) When young people are taught that they come from animals, then we should not be surprised when they begin to act like animals.
 - (i) An animal lives for three things:
 1. Self-gratification
 2. Self-preservation
 3. Self-propagation
 - (ii) Most people are living for these things today because they do not understand that they are made in the image of God.
 - (b) We see today an animal rights movement that believes that animals have the same rights as human beings.
 - (i) But they do not.
 - (ii) Animals are distinct.
 - (iii) God gave man a body, soul, and spirit.
 1. He did not give animals a spirit.
 2. Animals do not know God.
 3. They cannot worship and pray.
 - (iv) Cruelty to animals is wrong, but do not get the idea that man is just an intelligent animal.
 1. Man is made in the image of Almighty God.
- v) Random and impersonal chance are not going to create complexity and design.
 - (1) A human cell, which has to be seen under a microscope, is so complex in that it contains chromosomes, which contain genes.
 - (2) Encoded in these genes is DNA, which contains a detailed description for every part of our bodies.
 - (3) Each cell is so complex that not one part of the cell could exist without the other part.
 - (a) One cannot come from the other, and it cannot come in stages.
 - (i) It all must come together.
 - (4) Jesus is the one who created it all.
- c) Jesus is the preserver of creation.
 - i) Colossians 1:16-17
 - (1) He is the glue of the galaxies.
 - ii) We often hear people talk about natural law.
 - (1) There is no natural law.
 - (a) Laws of nature do not exist.



- (2) They are God's laws that nature obeys.
- iii) By Jesus, all things consist.
 - (1) He is the one who fuels the sun with power.
 - (2) He is the one who veils the moon with beauty.
 - (3) He is the one who keeps the stars in their courses.
- iv) The speed of light is 186,282 miles per second.
 - (1) A beam of light travels around the Earth 7 times in 1 second.
 - (2) It takes 8 ½ minutes for light from the sun to reach Earth.
 - (a) The sun is 93 million miles away.
 - (3) It takes 4 ½ years to travel from the nearest star.
- v) Jesus holds it all together.
- d) Jesus is the purpose of all creation.
 - i) Colossians 1:16
 - ii) What is the world coming to?
 - (1) It is coming to Jesus.
 - iii) What is the universe coming to?
 - (1) It is coming to the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - iv) Eastern religions teach that life is cyclical; that it goes around in a cycle.
 - (1) They believe in reincarnation, that a person keeps getting born until he gets it right.
 - (2) This is not what the Bible teaches.
 - (a) The Bible teaches that life and history are linear, and we are moving toward a climax.
 - (i) We are getting close to the climax of history where Jesus Christ is crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.
- e) All things were made by Him and for Him.
- f) All things are controlled by the Lord Jesus Christ.

4) JESUS ALONE RECONCILES THE LOST

- a) There is no other way to be saved apart from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b) Colossians 1:20-21
- c) Jesus is the one who created it all, preserves it all, is the express image of Almighty God, the firstborn, the Lord of lords and the King of kings.
 - i) He stepped out of Heaven and died on a cross.
- d) When we see His deity, then we will understand the greatness of His death.
 - i) His deity makes His death meaningful.
 - ii) His death makes His deity knowable.
- e) The blood that was poured out at Calvary was the blood of the very Son of God.
 - i) Jesus is the God-man; God in human flesh.
 - (1) He was as much man as if He were not God at all.
 - (2) He was as much God as if He were not man at all.
 - (3) Not half God and half man.
 - (4) Not all God and no man.
 - (5) Not all man and no God.
 - ii) The God-man came to Earth, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, was nailed on a cross, and died for us.
 - (1) The one who created every seed, every shrub, every tree, and every limb was hung on a tree, on a cross.



- (2) The one who scooped out a place for the seas and created every brook and every spring was the one who said, "I thirst."
 - (a) John 19:28
- (3) The one who created the sun with a word was the one who suffered under that sun on the cross.
- (4) He was the one who created the universe with a word; He spoke and it was so.
- (5) When Jesus died, He didn't just speak and say, "Be forgiven."
 - (a) Instead, by the blood of His cross, He paid the sin debt and became both just and justifier of those who believe in Him.
- f) Jesus never overlooked sin.
 - i) One-half of one sin will never be overlooked.
 - ii) Sin must be paid for or punished.
 - iii) Our sins will be either pardoned in Christ or punished in Hell, but they will never be overlooked.
- g) God is a holy God.
 - i) He knew, in order for us to be redeemed and reconciled, that without the shedding of blood, there would be no remission of sin.
 - (1) Romans 6:23
- h) On one side there is His deity, and on the other side is His humanity.
 - i) We are on the side with His humanity.
 - (1) We are humans, and we are sinful.
 - ii) On the other side is Almighty God, and He is holy and righteous.
 - iii) And between a holy God and sinful man, there is a chasm of sin that separates man from Almighty God.
 - iv) Jesus reconciles and builds a bridge that will span this chasm.
 - (1) On one side, the Lord Jesus Christ puts down the foundation of His deity.
 - (a) He is God!
 - (2) On the other side, He puts down the foundation of His humanity.
 - (a) He is man.
 - (b) He is taking our place and dying for us.
 - (3) With the rough-hewn timbers of a cross, He reconciles God and man.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Jesus is the one and only.
- b) Jesus is the one who reveals the Father.
- c) Jesus is the one who rules the universe.
- d) Jesus is the one who reconciles the lost.
- e) Is Jesus your Savior and Lord?
- f) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- g) 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
 - v) John 3:16



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I want you to take God's Word and find Colossians chapter 1. Last week we talked about the one true God, and we told you it's not enough to believe in one god. If you believe in one god and he's the wrong god, that's doubly dangerous. There is one true God. He is Jehovah, the triune God of the Bible. And today we're talking on this subject, "Jesus Christ, the One and Only."

Let me tell you why I'm preaching this. There're so many people today who want to make Jesus just one among many; He's just one of the ways to Heaven. As a matter of fact, there was a conference, a parliament of world religions, and let me tell you what a minister said from one of the mainline denominations, and I'm not going to give the name of his denomination because I'm sure there are others in his denomination who would be hurt if I gave his name. But here's what this man said. Listen to this, "So, what's the big deal about Jesus?" That's what he said. "So, what's the big deal about Jesus?" And he warned that, "We, as Christians," listen, "we ought not to attempt to make converts. We ought not to attempt to share Jesus. We ought not to evangelize." And here's what he called Christian evangelism, "ethnic cleansing." Well, hey, folks, that's in the world today. And you know that Peter Jennings, in a prime time special, put on a program; I saw it until I could take no more and turned it off. "The Search for Jesus." And he had some so-called theologians, a part of the Jesus seminar, who pooled their ignorance. They were searching for Jesus. They never found Him because they were looking in the wrong place. I'd just as soon trust a group of blind men in a dark cave, blindfolded, with some lightning bugs in a jar looking for the noon day sun as to help these, for these people to find the true Jesus.

A while back, Bryant Gumbel on television was interviewing Larry King, the other way around. And Bryant Gumbel said to Larry King, and Larry King's a Jew, "Larry, if you could ask God one question, what would you ask Him?" He said, "I would ask Him if He has a Son." That's a good question.

Now, let me tell you something. Folks, of all of the people who have ever lived on this terrestrial ball since creation to this time, out of the billions and billions and billions who've ever lived, only a handful of people have really made a lasting, dramatic imprint upon society. But there is one person who stands head and shoulders above all the others, and His name is Jesus. I want to tell you that this man, Jesus, who is more than a man, as we're going to see in a moment, has received more attention, more devotion, more criticism, more adoration, and more opposition than any who have ever lived. Every recorded word that Jesus Christ ever said has been studied, scrutinized, analyzed, dissected, thought about, compared, every word that He has written. And today, more than 20 centuries after Jesus Christ was here on this Earth, there is not a moment, centuries later, where literally millions are studying His Word, not one second. They're thinking about the significance of His words and His actions.

Now, Jesus Christ lived in a tiny little place, today we call it Bethlehem. He lived there about 2,000 years ago. And yet, His very birth divides all history. Anno Domini, the year of our Lord. BC is Before Christ. Listen, He never wrote a book that we know of, and yet the books that have been written about Him fill thousands and millions of volumes that fill the libraries of this world. He never painted a picture that we know of, never did a sculpture that we know of, and yet He has been the inspiration behind the greatest art of this world. Go into the great art museums of this world and you're going to find out that Jesus Christ has been the progenitor of the greatest art. He never wrote a song that we know of, but just think of the songs that we have sung adoring the Lord Jesus Christ, and around this world today millions and



millions and millions are singing the songs of Heaven based in Jesus. He never raised an army that we know of. Certainly, He didn't, but He has an army of followers, not who are willing to kill others for Him, but who are willing to die for Him, to live for Him, to share His love. His travels were limited. So far as we know He never, in His earthly travels, went outside the circumference of that little land of Israel, and yet, around the world today the sun will not set on people worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He only started with a handful, and yet today, friend, over 30% of the world's population say they believe in Jesus Christ. He only taught for 3 years, and for 2000 years we're still studying every word that the Lord Jesus said. He had no formal education, and think of all of the universities, think of all the seminaries that have been founded in His name.

The noted historian, Kenneth Scott Latourette, said this, listen to this quote, "Jesus has had more effect on the history of mankind than any other of its race, who ever existed." Can you say Amen to that? Listen, to explain Jesus is impossible. To ignore Jesus is disastrous. To deny Him is fatal. Oh, we need to understand who Jesus Christ is. And as I try to preach this morning, I understand that my speech is too limited, my mind is too finite, and my heart is too small to tell you what I want to tell you about the Lord Jesus Christ. But in Colossians 1 verse 19, look at it, this verse would sum it up. "For it pleased the Father that in Him," in Jesus, "should all fullness dwell." "It pleased the Father that in Jesus should all fullness dwell." Now we're going to find out that Jesus is not to be prominent in our lives; Jesus is to be pre-eminent. Jesus doesn't just show the way; He is the way. Jesus doesn't just give life; He is the life. He doesn't just tell the truth; He is the truth.

Now there're three things I want you to learn about the Lord Jesus Christ today, and look, if you will, now in Colossians chapter 1, and I wish I just had more time to tell you what the Book of Colossians is about in its entirety, but we're going to have to cut to the chase and you're going to have to listen in a hurry if we get these three things said. We're talking about Jesus, the One and Only.

Let me tell you this, **Jesus alone reveals the Father.** Look in Colossians 1 verse 15, it speaks of Jesus. We're going to break right in the middle. It speaks of Jesus, "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature." Now God Himself is invisible. God in His essence is Spirit. God is unseeable, unknowable, unapproachable unless we have some way to come to Him, someone to bring us to Him, someone to reveal God the Father. Reason is not enough. Friend, religion is not enough. Ritual is not enough. Jesus Christ Himself is the one who makes the invisible God knowable. He is the image of the invisible God. I'm telling you, you can never fully know God the Father unless you know God the Father through God the Son. Jesus, the Bible says, "Is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation."

Now I want you to think with me about those two words. Those two words are very, very important in verse 15. Look at the word image. Do you see it, the word image? This is Colossians 1 verse 15. Look at it, "Who is the image, the image of the invisible God." Underscore that word image. It's the Greek word icon. And what it means is the exact representation. Jesus is the express image of the invisible God. Jesus is God in human flesh. Now go back again to Colossians 2 verse 9, "For in Him," in Jesus, "dwelleth the fullness of the Godhead bodily." What do we mean by the Godhead? God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Now Jesus, listen, He has a monopoly on revelation. Jesus has cornered the market. The only way that you can know the Father, according to the Scripture, truly know Him, you might know about Him. You might know He exists from creation and conscience. But the only way that you can know God as Father is through Jesus Christ. Put this verse in your margin, Matthew 11 and verse 27. Jesus said, "All things are delivered unto Me of My Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save," or, except, "the Son, and he to whomsoever,"



listen, “he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.” Black print on white paper. Now I submit to you that what Jesus said is either true or false, and if you don’t like it, if you think that I’m narrow minded, don’t argue with me. Just take your Bible, read Matthew 11 verse 27, the words of Jesus, and take it up with Jesus, okay? Jesus said, “You cannot know God unless I reveal Him to you, unless I introduce Him to you.” Other than that, you’re worshipping the god of your guesses. Now you say, “Well, that’s narrow minded.” Well, I hope a doctor is narrow-minded when he writes prescriptions. I want my pilot to be very narrow minded. I don’t want him to land with the landing gear up. I want my banker to be narrow-minded. Jesus is the image of the invisible God. He has cornered the market. The only way that you can know God is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

I love the story of Jesus going to the temple when he was a 12-year old boy. I wish I could have been sitting in a corner. And all of the wise doctors there, the learned theologians were questioning the Lord Jesus Christ. They might have said to Him, “Well, Son, how old are you?” He could have said, “Well, on my mother’s side I’m 12-years old; on my Father’s side I’m older than my mother and just as old as my Father.” Because there never was a time when Jesus was not. He always has been. On his mother’s side He got thirsty; on His Father’s side He created the oceans and every brook and every lake and every spring, and on His Father’s side He said in Revelation 21:6, “I am the water of life. If you’re thirsty, come to Me and drink.” On His mother’s side He got hungry. On His Father’s side He feed 5,000. He said in John 6:35, “I am the bread of life.” On His mother’s side He lived in poverty and was homeless. On His Father’s side He created the universe and owns the cattle on a thousand hills. On His mother’s side, with a broken heart, He wept at the tomb of Lazarus. On His Father’s side He said in John 11:43, “Lazarus, come forth,” and Lazarus came out of that grave. And so, the first word I want you to see is the word image, icon. He is the express image of the invisible God. He could say, “He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.” John 14 verse 9.

But also He’s called in that verse first-born. Do you see that? Again, look in Colossians 1 verse 15, “He is the first-born.” Now I want to slow down here and talk a little bit about the word first-born because that might seem to some people that He was created. But the word first-born here, be very careful, listen to it. It does not refer to time; it refers to position, to status. It doesn’t mean that Jesus was the first being ever created. We know already that He’s the one who created all things, and we’re going to see in Colossians 1 verse 16, “For by Him were all things created.” Well, He couldn’t be created if He’s the one who created all things. So first-born certainly doesn’t mean that God one day created Him. By the way, our friends the Jehovah’s Witnesses will tell us, they’ll use this verse to say, “Well, Jesus had a beginning.” No, He never had a beginning. There was never a time when Jesus was not. Jesus is before all things, above all things, whether things in Heaven or things on Earth, principalities or powers, we’re going to see this. The word first-born refers to His status, it means that He is over everything. Let me give you a good verse, Psalm 89 verse 27. God says, “Also I will make Him My firstborn, higher than the kings of the Earth.” It speaks of status.

So what do we see in verse 15? That Jesus Christ is the exact representation. He is the visible image of the invisible God. And that the Lord Jesus Christ is higher than all the kings of the Earth. He is King of kings, He is Lord or lords. He is in the highest spot of all. So, number one, Jesus alone reveals the Father. Say, “Amen.”

Number two: **Jesus alone rules the universe.** Begin now in Colossians 1 verse 16 and 17 “For by Him,” Jesus, “were all things created, which are in Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.” Now, friend, not only does He reveal



the Father; He rules the universe. You see, **Jesus is the power of creation.** Jesus made everything. That little baby in Matthew 1 is the mighty God of Genesis 1. That little baby on His mother's breast is the same God who created it all. That's the reason I said that Jesus, when He was born, was older than His mother and as old as His Father.

I don't believe in evolution, not for a skinny moment. Now when I was younger, I didn't believe in evolution because the Bible taught against now. Now I've gotten older, I wouldn't believe it if I were an atheist, to believe that nothing times nobody equals everything. Think about it. Friend, I want to tell you, you can't have it both ways. You can't say it all just happened and you believe in Jesus. No, it all didn't just happen. He created it all. And you don't believe in the creation by the Lord Jesus Christ, you've got three problems. Number one, you've got a problem with the Scriptures. If you can't believe the Scripture when the Scriptures tell you from whence you've come, how can you trust the Scriptures when it tells you where you're going? And you know, we need to be worried not only about the origin of the species, but the destiny of the species, Amen? I mean, where are you headed?

And not only are you going to have trouble with the Scriptures, you're going to have trouble with salvation. You see, if you believe that man just slowly emerged and came out of some primordial ooze and kept on going up and up and up, then you don't believe in a creation. You don't believe that man was made perfect and that he fell into sin. You don't believe in a Garden of Eden. You don't believe in a fall. Well, listen, if Genesis 3 is a myth, then John 3, that says you must be born again is a farce. If you don't believe in a direct creation, you're going to have trouble with salvation.

And then I'm going to tell you something else. You're going to have trouble with society. When we teach young people that they just sort of came from animals, we ought not to be surprised when they begin to act like animals. An animal lives for three things: self-gratification, self-preservation, and self-propagation. That's what most people are living for today because they don't understand that they are made in the image of God and we see today sort of an animals right movement, like animals have the same rights as human beings. They don't. Animals are distinct. God gave man body, soul, and spirit. He gave no animal a spirit. Animals don't know God. They can't worship. They cannot pray. Certainly, we don't believe in cruelty to animals, but don't ever get the idea that man is just an intelligent animal. He is made in the image of Almighty God and we need to understand that. And friend, random and impersonal chance is not going to create complexity and design.

If you want a good book to read, and it's not a real hard read, but you can't just dash it off, I want you to read Darwin's Black Box by Michael Behe, B-E-H-E, And he has a principle that he calls, "Irreducible Complexity." You know, in the day of Darwin they didn't realize how complex, for example, a cell is, just one cell. For example, in a cell, a human cell that you have to put under a microscope to see; and folks, I want to tell you that in the human body we have trillions of cells. I counted them so I'm sure of this. Trillions of cells in a human body. Now you have to put them under the microscope, but in these cells, if you look inside the cell, you'll find some rods and these rods are known as chromosomes. And in these chromosomes we have what we call the genes. And in those genes, encoded in those genes is what we call DNA. And that DNA is a detailed description for every part of your body. If you were to take the DNA, the code that is in your cell, one of those cells, just one of those trillions of cells, and take the code that is out of there and put it in a book, it would be a book of 600,000 pages. Now that's one of the most minute parts of that minute part called the cell. And what Michael Behe says is this, he says, "If you reduce it down till you cannot get it more simple, irreducible," then he says, "it is so complex that in the cell not one part could exist without the other part. One cannot come from the other, or it can't come



by steps. It all has to come together.” Listen, folks, Jesus is the one who created it all. He is the power of creation.

Secondly, **Jesus is the preserver of creation.** Look again in Colossians 1 verses 16 and 17, “For by Him were all things created that are in Heaven and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether it be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him and for Him, and He is before all things,” now watch this, “and by Him all things consist.” That means they all stick together. He is the glue of the galaxies. He is the one who preserves creation. Now a lot of times you’ll hear people spout about natural law. There’s no natural law, none. The laws of nature don’t exist. They’re God’s laws; nature obeys them. By Jesus, all things consist. He’s the one who fuels the sun with power. He’s the one who veils the moon with beauty. He’s the one who keeps the stars in their courses.

I wish I had studied astronomy when I was young because I’m so enthralled by it. I think of the speed of light, 186,282 miles per second. That, friend, that means that a light beam will travel around the Earth 7 times in 1 second. If you could turn on a flashlight and shine it around the Earth, it would go around the world 7 times before you could turn it back off, traveling at 186,282 miles per second. Traveling at that speed of light it would take it 8 and-a-half minutes to reach the sun, which is 93 million miles away. It’d take it 4 and-a-half years to reach the nearest star traveling at the speed of light, 4 and-a-half years to reach the nearest star. Oh, if you were to look out at Centari Proxima and see that star, know that the light you’re seeing has been 4 and-a-half years getting here traveling at the incredible speed of light. And you just think, friend, that’s just in the Milky Way. The Milky Way, our galaxy, there are billions of stars in our galaxy. And our galaxy, they tell us, is just one of billions of galaxies. Who did all of that? What’s His name? Jesus. Who is it that keeps it all running together?

Probably you heard the story of a nuclear physicist who was traveling, going from the one grand university to another lecturing on the complexities of the universe and nuclear physics and all of the dynamism in nuclear matter. He had a chauffeur that drove him from school to school. Finally, the chauffeur said, “Listen, you have given that speech so many times. I have listened to it so many times. I’ve memorized it. I could give it. And the learned doctor said, “Well, to tell you the truth, I’m getting a little bored. I’ll tell you what. Let me put on a chauffeur’s uniform. The next university we go to you stand up there and give the speech and I’ll sit out there in the audience and act like the chauffeur.” They thought it would be jolly good fun. So the chauffeur got up there in this great university and gave this lecture on nuclear physics, and he was brilliant. He had it down to a gnat’s eyelash, but he spoke a little faster than the learned professor. And so the chancellor of the university said, “Well, I see we’ve finished 20 minutes early. We have time for some questions and answers.” So one student stood up and he said, “Sir,” he said, “you know in the center of the atom there are these protons and both of them have a positive charge. And we know that positives charges normally deflect and resist one another, but these seem to cohere. These seem to hang together. Sir, can you tell me why the nucleus of the atom does not disintegrate?” The chauffeur said, “I have traveled for a long time. I’ve been to many universities, but that, beyond any doubt, is the dumbest, most stupid question I have ever heard. I can’t understand how you even got in to this university.” He said, “Even my chauffeur could answer that question.” He brought his chauffeur up to answer the question. Friend, I want you to know that chauffeur and that learned doctor, neither one can answer that question. What keeps the whole thing from flying apart? I can answer it. His name is Jesus. Friend, He is the glue of the galaxies. He’s the one who holds it all together. Now, listen, it was all made by Him. He is the creator. He is the preserver.

And, friend, **He is the purpose of all creation.** Look in Colossians 1 verse 16 now, the last part, “All things were created by Him and for Him.” What’s this world coming to? It’s coming to Jesus. What’s this universe coming to? It is coming to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Now the eastern religions have come into America, and the eastern religions teach that life is cyclical; that is, it goes around in a cycle. And so they believe in reincarnation, that you keep getting born until you get it right. You just go round and around and around. Now if your karma is good, you may make progress. If your karma is bad, you may not make progress. So if you've been a bad boy, you may come back as a roach. Or maybe a little higher, you may come back as a cow. That's the reason they won't eat meat. They think they're eating their grandmother, maybe. And so, that's what they believe that, that life is cyclical. No, that's not what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches that life is linear, that history is linear, that we're moving toward a climax, and I believe we're getting close to the climax of history where Jesus Christ is crowned King of kings and Lord of lords, and I can hardly wait. We are moving toward that. It was all made by Him and it was all made for Him. It is controlled by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Well, let's come to the third thing about our solitary Savior, the one and only Jesus Christ. Friend, Jesus alone reveals the Father. Jesus alone rules the universe. And I'm going to tell you something else about Him: **Jesus alone reconciles the lost.** No other way to be saved. Look, if you will, in Colossians verses 20 and 21 of this wonderful chapter here. "And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him," Jesus, "to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in Earth, or things in Heaven." And let's go to verse 21, "And you, who, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled." O, Hallelujah! Glory to God! This one who created it all, this one who preserves it all, this one who is the icon, the express image of Almighty God, this one who is the firstborn, the highest of the high, the Lord of lords and the King of kings. Can you believe it? He stepped out of Heaven and died on a cross? When you see His deity, then you'll understand the greatness of His death.

Now, listen folks. His deity makes His death meaningful; His death makes His deity knowable. His deity makes His death meaningful. Other people may die, but we sing that song, "That God, the mighty maker died for man, the creature's sin, that He would die for me." That the blood that was poured out at Calvary was the blood of the very Son of God, that Jesus, who was the God-man, God in human flesh, as much man as if He were not God at all; as much God as if He were not man at all, not half God and half man, not all God and no man, not all man and no God, but the God-man, the God-man came to this Earth, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, was nailed up on a cross with a broken heart dying for me. The one who created every seed, every shrub, every tree, every limb was hung on a tree, on a cross. The one who scooped out a place for the seas, the one who created every lake, every pond, every brook, every spring, He was the one who said, "I thirst." The one who flung out the sun and ignited the sun with a word was the one who suffered under that broiling noon-day, Middle Eastern sun. He was the one who had flung it into space. Let me tell you something, folks. When He created the universe, do you know how He did it? With a word. He just spoke and it was so. He said, "Let be," and there was, and universes dripped from His fingers. He just spoke it into existence.

A college student asked his pastor, "Do you think there is life on other planets?" And the pastor said, "No, I don't think so." He said, "You mean, all those billions and billions and billions of planets out there, don't you think there's life out there?" He said, "No, I really don't think so." He said, "Then why did God go to all that trouble to make all that stuff?" The pastor said, "What trouble?" No trouble. He spoke and it was so. The only trouble that God ever had was bloody Calvary. Oh, when Jesus died, He didn't just speak and say, "Be forgiven." No, by the blood of His cross He paid the sin debt and became both just and the justifier of those that believe in Jesus. He never overlooked sin. One half of one sin will never be overlooked. Sin must be paid for or punished. And your sin will be pardoned in Christ or punished in Hell, but it will never be overlooked. God is a holy God. He is the thrice holy God of Israel. And God knew



in order for you to be redeemed, for me to be redeemed, for us to be reconciled, without the shedding of blood is no remission of sin, Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death."

And over here on this side is His deity. Over here is His humanity. We're on this side. We're humans and we're sinful. Over here is Almighty God, and He is holy and He is righteous. And between a holy God and sinful man there is a chasm of sin, and man is separated from Almighty God by sin. Jesus is going to reconcile and He's going to build a bridge that will span this chasm. And over here the Lord Jesus Christ puts down the foundation of His deity. He is God. And over here He puts down the foundation of His humanity. He is man. He is taking our place. He's dying for us. And then, with the roughhewn timbers of a cross He reconciles, God and man. Hallelujah, what a Savior! Friend, I am telling you, He is Jesus, the one and only. He is the one who reveals the Father. He is the one who rules the universe. And He is the one who reconciles the lost. And I am so glad that I can tell you He is my Savior and Lord and I love Him with all of my heart, and I want you to love Him.

Would you bow your heads in prayer? And while heads are bowed and eyes are closed, how many of you can say, "Pastor Rogers, I am absolutely certain, by the grace of God, the Word of God, and by a changed life, that I have been saved, that I'm Heaven born and Heaven bound, I'm certain, Pastor?" Now, if you could not answer that question, I know you're interested in spiritual things or you wouldn't be here. Let me help you today to be absolutely certain. Let's get it settled right now, okay? I'm telling you friend, He loves you. He's reaching out His arms to you, He's saying, "Come unto Me. Come unto Me. Come to Me not to some church, some denomination, not to some idea. "Come to Me, all ye that are heavy burdened and heavy laden and I'll give you rest." Jesus is what your heart longs for, for you'll never find rest or peace or satisfaction till you find it in the Lord Jesus Christ. He's paid for your sin, He reaches out a nail-scarred hand to you now and He says, "Come to Me." The Bible says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you'll be saved."

I want to lead you in a prayer. If you want Jesus, pray this prayer or pray something like it, "Dear God, I'm a sinner, I'm lost, I need to be saved, I want to be saved. My sin deserves judgment but I need mercy. I want to be reconciled. Thank You that You died for me. Thank You for paying for my sin on that old cross. I turn from my sin to You, I receive You by faith, I receive You by faith right now like a little child. I don't look for a sign, I don't ask for a feeling, I just stand on Your Word. I receive You Lord Jesus, Your now my Lord and Savior. And help me never, ever to be ashamed of You. Give me the courage to make it public. In Your name I pray, Amen.



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