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Who is Jesus?
Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

- **The Bible is only reliable, true source of info about God that we have- it has the words of life!**
- **Where are you getting your information about Jesus?**
- **What are you basing your new life in Christ on?**

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The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ 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 and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

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Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

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23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

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- We wrestle with what to believe about Jesus.
- “Christian minds have been conformed to the modern spirit, the spirit that spawns great thoughts of man and leaves only small thoughts of God.” JI Packer; Knowing God.
- Colossians were facing their own heresies about Jesus:
 - Jesus wasn’t totally God.
 - People need to do some good works and deny some worldly pleasures in order to deal with sins.
- What would Paul say to them?

Vv. 1-14- Who are you?

- You are a unique, loved creation of God.
- Who you are is already established in Christ.
- Because you have received who Christ is and what he has done for you on the cross, you are valuable, loved, righteous, and a child of God.
- Your value has been given to you by God, the only person who's opinion matters!

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Vv. 15-23- Who is Jesus?

- Who you are, who you're becoming, your eternity rests in Jesus- who is he?
- Image- he is the "icon", the full manifestation of God; not like God, the full presentation of God.
- Everything you want to know about our invisible God you can see in Jesus!

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- **Firstborn- does this mean that Jesus was created?**
- **Firstborn in terms of position- rights of a firstborn, ruler of all, owner and creator of all**

who is Jesus?

- **He is God!**
- **Everything you want to know about holiness, love, grace, judgement, purpose in life- look at Jesus!**



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V. 16- Who is Jesus?

- **All creation comes from Jesus.**
 - **We just borrow all of his stuff for a little while!**
 - **We can look at the order, beauty, majesty and wonder of the universe and see some things about God- Jesus did that!**
- **All creation is for Jesus.**
 - **He made it all for himself.**
 - **That means that our purpose is to LIVE FOR HIM!**

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V. 17- Who is Jesus?

- **Physics tell us that most matter is a bunch of particles held together by an electromagnetic field.**
 - **That's Jesus, exerting his power over everything to keep it from falling apart.**
- **Unseen, kind and powerful- Jesus holds it all together!**
- **When it seems like your life is falling apart, it can't- because Jesus holds all things together.**
 - **And he holds his own all the way through death into eternity!**

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V. 18- Who is Jesus?

- **The head of the Church.**
- **The first to be raised from the dead insuring all who believe in him will also be raised.**
- **He's the head of all of us, not just on Sundays- each one of us.**
- **Is he the head of your life- is he supreme in your life.**

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**Vv. 19-21- Who is Jesus? He is fully God!
who is the chief representation of God to you;
the image of God to you?**

- **or them it was Caesar- his image was everywhere.**
- **POSITIVELY- who is a good representative of God to you?**
- **NEGATIVELY- who are you looking to as God (idolatry)?**
- **NEGATIVELY- how are you misunderstanding Jesus?**

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- **Jesus is fully God- what he says he can do, he can do!**
- **Our bad theology says we're not that bad and should follow Jesus because its morally good- but the cross seems unnecessary.**
- **Good theology says that Jesus has taken care of our worst problem- our rebellious separation from God.**
 - **He has made peace between your rebellious heart and God's wrath by dying for you.**
 - **He has made peace between you and all things by dying for you.**

Vv. 22-23

- This isn't continuing in faith in order to possess; its continuing in good works and faith because you possess a relationship with God.
 - Faithfulness is proof of it.
- We all have a tendency to wander and forget who Jesus really is.
- It's tempting to adopt a lower view of him when things are hard and it seems like there's a quicker way to get what we want.

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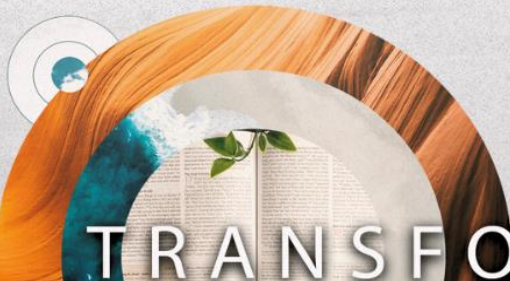
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- **Remind yourself of who Jesus is in the pain, difficulties and dark times.**
- **Take your eyes off the struggle and take a good, long, hard look at Jesus and pray like he really is God and can do something about it**
go into the world and live like the true magnificent Jesus is alive and in you.
- **“I’m going to make Jesus Christ so attractive that people will turn to him.” DL Moody.**



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- **Who is Jesus?**
 - **Will you live like he really is king, supreme, creator, owner, savior?**
- **Who is Jesus?**
 - **This is your introduction to him- be reconciled to God now through Jesus!**
- **Who you are and who you want to be is dependent on knowing the true Jesus!**



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How are you know?

If you are a Christ follower, you already are everything in vv. 13-14.

And God is making you into vv. 3-12.

Are you a person of an unshakeable hope that is rooted in Jesus?

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