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# Colossians 1:15

## In Relationship to God

- “He is the image of the invisible God”—the perfect representation, resemblance, or manifestation of the God who cannot be seen – Jn. 1:1, 14
- To see Jesus is to see God. To know Jesus is to know God – Jn. 14:8-9
  - God choose to meet us on our level – Ex. 20:3-5
  - Thought: What does your being made in the image of God mean to you? – Gen. 1:26-27; Jas. 3:9

## Colossians 1:15-16

### In Relationship to Creation

- Jesus is the firstborn of creation – 1:15
  - He holds the supreme position over all creation – Psa. 89:27
  - Christ is the firstborn because “by Him all things were created” – 1:16; Jn. 1:3; Gen. 1:1
- “All things have been created through Him and for Him” – 1:16
  - Jesus is the goal of creation—it is for Him
  - Creation’s divine purpose is to glorify Jesus.

# Colossians 1:17

## In Relationship to the Universe

- Jesus is preeminent to creation by time
  - Before all things means He is eternal
  - There has never a time when Christ was not – Jn. 1:1
- Jesus sustains the universe
  - The universe is preserved and has cohesion in Jesus
  - Ponder the power, knowledge, and wisdom this necessarily implies!

## Colossians 1:18-20

### In Relationship to Salvation

- Jesus is the head of the body/church – 1:18
  - The body/church is a living organism functioning in complete connection with the head – Jn. 15:5
  - Jesus rules and controls His body, the church
- Jesus is the resurrection so that He will have first place in everything – 1:18
- Jesus is the source of reconciliation – 1:19-20
  - The fullness of God dwelt in Him
  - Through Him all things will be reconciled to God – 2 Cor. 5:18-19