

Colossians: Christ is Greater  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Pastor Jim Oakley

JESUS IS THE PERFECT PICTURE OF GOD, THE ETERNALLY EXISTENT CREATOR, OUR RECONCILER, AND IS SUPREME OVER THE UNIVERSE AND THE CHURCH.

1. THE PERFECT PICTURE OF GOD (vs. 15, 19)
2. ETERNALLY EXISTENT CREATOR (vs. 15b-17)
3. REIGNING OVER THE UNIVERSE AND THE CHURCH (vs. 18, 19)
4. OUR RECONCILER (vs. 20-23)

MEMORY VERSES: Colossians 1:15

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Colossians 1:24-2:5

#### DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Why is it important that we understand what God is like in Scripture?
2. In the Gospels, how does Jesus reveal what God is like?
3. What did it mean in biblical times to be the firstborn?
4. How does this apply to Jesus in this passage?
5. What is the significance of Jesus being the creator of all things?
6. What does it say about Jesus that “in him all things hold together”?
7. How does recognizing Jesus’ headship over the church and universe keep us from heresy?
8. What does it mean that Jesus is firstborn among the dead?
9. How does Jesus’ resurrection differ from other resurrections in Scripture (i.e. Lazarus in John 11:38-44)?
10. What does it mean that Jesus is supreme over the church and the universe?
11. Why does it matter that “God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell” in Jesus?
12. Define reconciliation. How is Jesus uniquely qualified to reconcile us to God?
13. How does this passage challenge or encourage you?