

Week 2 (January 22) Colossians 1:15-29

Extra info:

Paul writes a beautiful poem in this section. Verses 15-20 Some call it a magnificent hymn in praise of Christ and is the centerpiece of the entire letter.

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Icebreaker question: For those of you who heard the sermon this Sunday, what resonated with you most?

Verses 15-23 Supremacy of Christ

1. What rights, as a firstborn, does Jesus have? (vv15-18)
2. What do we find out about Jesus' relationship to God, creation (heaven and earth), and the church in verses 15-20? What does "fullness" imply in verse 19?
3. What practical effects should these revelations have on our Christian faith and life?
4. Define reconcile. Why did all things need to be reconciled to God? (v. 20) How was this accomplished by Christ?
5. How much do you identify with verse 21, even now?
6. How do verses 22-23 make you feel? What is Jesus' ultimate goal for us? What is your part in reaching this goal?

Verses 24-29 Paul's Interest in the Colossians and His work for the Church

7. Why does Paul rejoice in his sufferings?
8. What is the mystery that's been hidden? (V26-27)
9. What is Paul's goal in his ministry? How does he accomplish this goal?
Food for thought: How can you accomplish the goal God has given you?