

## No Longer God's Enemy Colossians 1:15-23

The book of Colossians was written to a church that was being challenged with lies about who Jesus is.

Colossians 1 explains;

**His Superior Identity** –

*He is the firstborn of every creature*". The word "firstborn" refers to "that which is first in rank". This places Jesus Christ at the head of creation; verse 16 clarifies, He is the Creator!

**His Superior Importance** – "*He is before all things*".

**His Superior Influence** – Jesus is "*the head of the body, the church*".

**Imagine you are hearing about Jesus for the very first time today**

- Who is He?
- How is He different?
- How does He impact me?

This is worth memorizing...

Verse 14: In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Verse 15: He is the image of the invisible God.

Verse 15: He is the firstborn of all creation

Verse 16: By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible

Verse 16: All things were created *through* him.

Verse 16: All things were created *for* him.

Verse 17: He is before all things.

Verse 17: In him all things hold together.

Verse 18: He is the head of the body, the church.

Verse 18: He is the beginning.

Verse 18: He is the firstborn from the dead.

Verse 18: In everything he is preeminent.

Verse 19: In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Verse 20: He reconciles all things to himself, whether on earth or in heaven.

Verse 20: He makes peace by the blood of his cross.