Better Understanding

Better: PART 1
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Who is Jesus?

1. Jesus is more than a man, He is God.

The <u>Son</u> is the image of the <u>invisible God</u>, the firstborn over all creation. Colossians 1:15 NIV

The <u>Son</u> is the radiance of God's glory and the <u>exact representation of his being</u>, sustaining all things by his powerful word. Hebrews 1:3 NIV

And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the <u>most exalted</u> of the kings of the earth. Psalm 89:27 NIV

2. Jesus is the <u>creator</u> of everything.

<u>For in him all things were created</u>: 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. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17 NIV

He was with <u>God in the beginning</u>. Through him <u>all things</u> were made; <u>without him</u> nothing was made that has been made. John 1:2-3 NIV

3. Jesus is the only way to reconciliation and peace with God.

And he is the <u>head of the body</u>, the church...so that in <u>everything</u> he might have <u>the supremacy</u>. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to <u>reconcile</u> to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, <u>by making peace</u> through his blood, shed on the cross, Colossians 1:19-20 NIV

How should we respond?

1. Repent

Once you were <u>alienated from God</u> and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. Colossians 1:21 NIV

2. Receive

<u>But</u> now he has <u>reconciled you</u> by Christ's physical body through death to present you <u>holy in</u> his sight, without blemish and free from accusation... Colossians 1:22 NIV

3. Remain

... if you <u>continue</u> in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. Colossians 1:21-23 NIV

Next Steps: Colossians Reading Plan 2nd Base