

# Coherence in Christ

Colossians 1:15-20

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**Mt 7:21-23** Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And I will declare to them, 'I never knew (ginōskō) you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

**Jn 21:17b** "Lord, You know(oidas-facts) all things; You know (ginōskō-personally & relationally) that I love You."

**Amos 3:2** "You only have I known (yada) among all the families of the earth..."

**Jer 22:15-16** Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; Then it was well. Is not that what it means to know (yada) Me?"

**Psa 139:1** O LORD, You have searched me and known (yada) me!

**Jn 17:3** And this is eternal life, that they may know (ginōskō) You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

**Phil 3:7-8** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.. that I may know (ginōskō) Him and the power of His resurrection...

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## I. Coherence in His work of creation

**Col 1:16** For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

**Jn 1:3** All things were made through Him (the Logos), and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

## II. Coherence in His sustaining work

**Col 1:17** And He is before all things (outside of time; eternal), and in Him all things hold together (in time).

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**Heb 1:1-3a** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

## III. Coherence in His Redemptive Work

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**Col 1:15** He is the image of the invisible God... He is God!

**Col. 1:19** ...the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" in the man Jesus Christ!

**Col 1:15**...the firstborn of all creation... [speaking of rank] He is the preeminent One. He existed before creation eternally 17 [before all things] and ranks above it.... He is Transcendent

**Col 1:16** By Him all things were created... all things were created through Him... God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ is our Creator! He is the architect and the agent of creation.

**Col 1:17** ...and in Him all things hold together... He is not only the architect and agent of creation, but also the sustaining power over creation in time.

**Col 1:18-20** 18 And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. 19 For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

**Ps 139:13-16** For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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**Col 1:13-14** God had delivered [them] from the domain of darkness and transferred [them] to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Jn 1:14** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Gal 4:4** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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**Phil 2:6-8** ...Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Col 1:21-22** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him...

**Col 1:23** ... if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**Col 1:9-11** ... we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

**Ps 139:23-24** Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.