



Colossians: Christ the Builder
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Key Verses: Colossians 1:13-23

Key Thought: To encourage our trust in Christ, Paul shows that A) Christ is God, and that B) Christ is the means of our salvation (and the former informs the latter).

Points to Consider:

- To encourage trust in Christ, Paul shows A) who Christ is, and B) what Christ has done.
- Who is Christ?
 - 15: He is the image of the invisible God. ← Christ is the tangible manifestation of God (cf. Genesis 1:26-27).
 - 15: He is the firstborn over all creation. ← “Firstborn” is a metaphor, referring to the authoritative position of the firstborn son in ancient Hebrew culture.
 - 18-19: He is the head of the church, and fully God. ← “Head” is a metaphor that can refer to a means of nourishment, unity, and/or authority.
 - 18: He is supreme! → Let us be sure to honor this truth with our own lives.
- What has Christ done?
 - 13-14, 21-22: He has rescued us. ← “Redemption” refers to freedom from slavery.
 - 16: He has created everything. → As creator, He is also the king.
 - 20-22: He has provided reconciliation. ← He reconnects us with the Father, and He will cause all things to eventually work in harmony under His lordship.
 - 21-23: He has offered salvation. → “The creator was crucified for His creation.”
- “Once you see His deity, then you will understand the greatness of His death.”

Discussion Prompts:

- Which aspect of Christ's identity stands out to you, and why?
- Which aspect of Christ's work stands out to you, and why?
- How has this passage encouraged your trust in Christ?
- What might it look like if you fully embraced the truth that Christ is the Lord?
- Close with prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.