

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

Jesus, our Everything
Colossians 1:15-23

Slide 2:

Colossians 1:15-23 (ESV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 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. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 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.

Slide 3:

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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, 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.

Slide 3:

I. Go Up

II. Look Out

Slide 4:

LET'S GO UP

Floors 1-10

Phrase 1: "He is the image of the invisible God"

Slide 5:

Floors 11-20

Phrase 2: "The firstborn over all creation"

Slide 6:

Floors 21-30

Phrase 3: "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."

Slide 7:

Floors 31-40

Phrase 4: "And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Slide 8:

Floors 41-50

Phrase 5: "And he is the head of the body, the church."

Slide 9:

Floors 51-60

Phrase 6: "He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent."

Slide 10:

Floors 61-70

Phrase 7: "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell"

Slide 11:

Floors 71-80

Phrase 8: "and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

Slide 12:

LET'S LOOK OUT

Slide 13:

1) Do you see how small you are?

Psalm 8:4 (ESV)

what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

Slide 14:

2) Do you see how glorious you are?

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1) Read Colossians 1:15-23. What do you see? What questions would you have of the text?
- 2) Go through the verses, or phrases and for each one, stop and ponder what they mean.
 - a) The image of God
 - b) Exalted over creation
 - c) All creation, seen and unseen, created through Him
 - d) All things "held together" by Him
 - e) Head of the church
 - f) The Beginning, and exalted over death
 - g) Fullness of God is pleased to dwell
 - h) ALL creation, seen and unseen reconciled to Him, by Him
- 3) In what way are we meaningless and contingent and small?
- 4) In what way are we as glorious as Christ Himself?
- 5) Prayer and praise.