



## **Message 3: Christ Holds All Things Together**

**Text:** Colossians 1:15–17 (NLT)

### **Summary:**

Every one of us wants something solid to stand on when life feels unstable. We look for security in work, health, or relationships, but those things can shift overnight. The message of Jesus offers more than comfort—it offers stability and hope. This week, we move from simply staying connected to Him (John 15) to understanding who He truly is (Colossians 1:15–17; John 1) - the One who holds the universe, and our lives, together

### **1. Christ Reveals Who God Is (v. 15)**

- I can trust His character.

#### **Colossians 1:15 nlt**

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.  
He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,

### **2. Christ Rules Over All Creation (v. 16)**

- I can rest in His control.

#### **Colossians 1:16 nlt**

for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth.

He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him and for Him.

### **3. Christ Sustains All Things (v. 17)**

- I can stand secure in His care.

#### **Colossians 1:17 nlt**

He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Christ's Character (Col. 1:15): Jesus is the "visible image of the invisible God." What is one characteristic of God the Father that you struggle to grasp or trust? How does seeing that characteristic perfectly expressed in Jesus change your understanding?
2. Christ's Control (Col. 1:16): Christ created everything—including "thrones, powers, rulers, and authorities." What unseen force (political tension, global economics, spiritual fear, etc.) generates anxiety in your life? What does it look like to surrender that worry to the control of Christ this week?
3. Christ's Sustaining Power (Col. 1:17): The text says Christ "holds all creation together." Think of a time when your life felt like it was flying apart. How does this truth redefine your security and hope in chaos?
4. The Abiding Connection (John 1 & 15): Jesus invites us to "abide" or "remain" in Him. Knowing that the One who holds all creation together is speaking through Scripture, how can reading the Bible become a more personal and life-giving experience for you?