

THE IMAGE OF GOD

December 1, 2019 | Colossians 1:13-23 (NASB)



1. JESUS IS GOD.

Colossians 1:13-23 (NASB) ¹³ For **He rescued us** from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the **image of the invisible God**, the **firstborn** of all creation.

2. JESUS IS THE CREATOR.

¹⁶ For **by Him all things were created**, *both* in the **heavens** and **on earth**, **visible** and **invisible**, whether **thrones** or **dominions** or **rulers** or **authorities**—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is **before all things**, and **in Him** all things **hold together**.

3. JESUS IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.

¹⁸ He is also **head of the body, the church**; and He is the **beginning**, the firstborn from the dead, so that **He Himself** will come to have **first place in everything**.

4. JESUS IS THE RECONCILER.

¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for **all the fullness to dwell in Him**, ²⁰ and through Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, having **made peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. ²¹ And although you were **formerly alienated** and **hostile in mind**, *engaged* in **evil deeds**, ²² yet He has now **reconciled** you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him **holy** and **blameless** and **beyond reproach**— ²³ if indeed you **continue in the faith** firmly established and steadfast, **and not moved away from the hope of the gospel** that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

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