

Week Three Of Advent

Joy Uncontainable

Colossians 1:15-23



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James 1:2-8

[2] Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

[5] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.



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Colossians 1:15–23

[15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. [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. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [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.



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Colossians 1:15–23

[21] And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, [22] 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, [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.



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All Dominion

He is God in flesh

- Eternal
- All knowing
- All powerful



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All Dominion

He is God in flesh

Firstborn

- Heir as first
- Head of things



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All Dominion

He is God in flesh

Firstborn

Creator

- All
 - Heaven and Earth
 - Visible or invisible
 - Thrones or dominions
 - Rulers or authority
- All things were created
 - Through Him
 - For Him



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All Dominion

He is God in flesh

Firstborn

Creator

Sustainer

- Before all things
- In Him all things hold together



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All Demonstrative

Christ is the head

- The body – the church
 - Reflecting the compassion of Christ
 - Declaring the glory of the gospel
 - Worshiping the fullness of Christ
 - Fellowship with edification



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All Demonstrative

Christ is the head

- The body – the church
- The beginning
 - The Rock
 - The Cornerstone



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All Demonstrative

Christ is the head

- The body – the church
- The beginning
- First born from the dead
- Preeminent



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All Demonstrative

Christ is the head

God's fullness

- God's presence made manifest
- Reflective of God's glory filling the temple
- God's plan



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All Demonstrative

Christ is the head

God's fullness

Reconciler of all things

- To Himself
- Earth or heaven
- Peace with the Father through his blood



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All Desperate

Before Christ

- Cut off from – alienated
- Hostile in mind – determined to do own way
- Deliberately disobeying



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All Desperate

Before Christ

Paid the price

- Sin = death
- Present YOU before God
 - Holy
 - Blameless
 - Above reproach



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All Desperate

Before Christ

Paid the price

Faith is essential

- Continual growth and movement
- Stable and steadfast
 - Always holding to the core of the gospel



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All Desperate

Before Christ

Paid the price

Faith is essential

Gospel is declared

- Hope for the hopeless
- All creation
- Called to go



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How Can One Small Baby Bring So Much Joy?
Do You Have Joy?



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