

# COLOSSIANS

## Together Fellowship With Jesus Christ

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| New Testament     |  |
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| Matthew           |  |
| Mark              |  |
| Luke              |  |
| John              |  |
| Acts              |  |
| Romans            |  |
| 1 Corinthians     |  |
| 2 Corinthians     |  |
| Galatians         |  |
| Ephesians         |  |
| Philippians       |  |
| <b>Colossians</b> |  |
| 1 Thessalonians   |  |
| 2 Thessalonians   |  |
| 1 Timothy         |  |
| 2 Timothy         |  |
| Titus             |  |
| Philemon          |  |
| Hebrews           |  |
| James             |  |
| 1 Peter           |  |
| 2 Peter           |  |

**Jesus Christ is the Rock of the church. When church is truly built on the Rock, we are unstoppable. Knowing Jesus Christ more strengthens our foundation in the Rock.**

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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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**[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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## Revealed

### Anticipation Becomes Reality

- Our design
  - Created in the image of God
  - Created to seek God

Genesis 1:26–28

[26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [28] And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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Romans 1:20–23

[20] For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. [21] For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Claiming to be wise, they became fools, [23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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## Revealed

### Anticipation Becomes Reality

- Our design - Genesis 1:26–28
- God's desire
  - Intimacy and glorification

Genesis 3:8–9

[8] And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. [9] But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

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## Revealed

### Anticipation Becomes Reality

- Our design - Genesis 1:26–28; Romans 1:20-23
- God's desire
  - Intimacy and glorification - Genesis 3:8–9
  - Passionate pursuit – Romans 16:20; Hebrews 2:14; Revelation 20:1-3,10

Genesis 3:15

"I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

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## Revealed

Anticipation Becomes Reality

Presence Of God Made Known

- Intimacy before the fall broken
- Presence through unapproachable fullness
- God with us –all the fullness of God in Jesus

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2 Corinthians 4:3–6

[3] And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4] In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [5] For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. [6] For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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## Revealed

Anticipation Becomes Reality

Presence Of God Made Known - 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Creator Of All

- All things created
- Held together by Him

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Hebrews 1:1–4

[1] Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. [3] He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4] having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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Presence Of God Made Known - 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

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**The Ministry Of Jesus Christ Is The Most  
Crucial Turning Point In All History.  
How Is View Of God,  
Personal Or Impersonable?**

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## Reign

All Under The Control Of Jesus

- All created
  - Visible and invisible
  - Rulers and authority

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## Reign

All Under The Control Of Jesus

- All created
- Before all things
  - Before anything created
  - Ultimate head

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## Reign

All Under The Control Of Jesus

- All created
- Before all things
- Held together by Jesus

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## Reign

All Under The Control Of Jesus

Jesus Visible Now

- Head of the church
  - The body of Christ
  - The proclaimer of the gospel

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## Reign

All Under The Control Of Jesus

Jesus Visible Now

- Head of the church
- The Rock of the church
  - Unshakable truths and teaching of Christ
  - Nothing can be done without Him

Ephesians 1:22–23

[22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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**If Jesus Is The True Head Of The Church, What  
Can Stand Against Us? Does Our Life Reflect  
Jesus As Head Of The Church?**

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## Reconciled

Because Jesus Is The Head

- Peace with God provides the peace of God  
Prince of Peace – Isaiah 9:6
- All things reconciled to Him
  - Sin is rebellion against God's design
  - Sin has a cost  
Sin = Death

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## Reconciled

Because Jesus Is The Head

Radical Shift For Believers

- Because of the cross and resurrection of Christ
  - Excluded from God
    - Alienated
    - Hostile in thoughts and actions
    - Dead to intimacy with God

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## Reconciled

Because Jesus Is The Head  
Radical Shift For Believers

- Because of the cross and resurrection of Christ
- Presented not as sinful and separated
  - Holy
  - Blameless
  - Above reproach

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## Reconciled

Because Jesus Is The Head  
Radical Shift For Believers

- Because of the cross and resurrection of Christ
- Presented not as sinful and separated
- Life in Christ
  - Faith
  - Stable and steadfast
  - Anchored in the gospel

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## Reconciled

Because Jesus Is The Head  
Radical Shift For Believers  
Worthy Of Proclamation

- Impowered by the Holy Spirit – the Church
- Conviction from the Holy Spirit - the unbeliever
- Spoken and lived out by believers – Obedience
- Multiplication of the Church

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**Preeminence Of Christ**  
**Do You Know Your Need For Salvation?**  
**Are You Living In The Power Of The**  
**Resurrected Christ?**  
**How Does The Church Reflect Christ?**

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