Jesus Is The More That You Have Been Looking For
Colossians 1:15-19

We live in a culture that constantly whispers, "You need more." It's exhausting, isn't it? We get caught in this endless cycle of striving—convinced that if we just had a little more success, or more discipline, we'd finally feel complete.

We even do this in our faith. We fall into the trap of thinking it's Jesus plus something else—Jesus plus our own perfect performance, Jesus plus our achievement, or Jesus plus the world's approval. But the Apostle Paul paints a completely different picture. Jesus doesn't just offer us a missing piece of the puzzle. He is the entire picture. He is greater than everything that exists. All else adds up to less than he. If we take Jesus out of the equation, nothing adds up. Regardless of the good we multiply, how much we divide and share, a part of us remains unsolved, a fraction of who we should be. But Jesus is the answer, our common denominator. Jesus is and always will be the solution to every equation. When you do the math, the answer is clear: Jesus is enough.

Over the next four weeks, we're going to journey through the book of Colossians together to uncover what it really means to live anchored in Jesus. Jesus Christ is presented as the absolutely, totally sufficient One. When you come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, you have in Him everything necessary to make your life complete. Life only works when you understand who Jesus is and the life that you can experience in Him. Colossians teaches us the fullness of the Lord Jesus Christ and our completeness in Him.

Colosse was a prosperous city, and famous for its fabric dyes. Yet by Paul's time, the glory it had as a city was on the decline. Colosse was destroyed by an earthquake around A.D. 60. It was probably the smallest and least important city that Paul ever wrote to. The people in the ancient church of Colossae faced challenges that look a lot like ours. They were constantly pulled away by cultural pressures and empty philosophies telling them that Jesus was a good starting point, but not quite enough. They knew He was in the world, but they did not know if He was in their lives. We live in a world where Christ is prominent, but not pre-eminent. They lived in a world where false gods and false teaching were so popular. They needed truth, and so Paul gives them the truth of who Christ is.

Paul had to gently remind them that the literal fullness of God lives in Christ—and because of that, you are already complete in Him. It might surprise us that Paul would turn his attention to the Christians in Colosse at a time when he had so many other concerns. The book is written to a group of people who needed to learn how to put Christ first. Paul wrote because "The Colossian Heresy" was a corruption of Christianity with elements of mystical and legalistic Judaism combined with early Gnosticism. The first-century religious environment was much like our own. It was a time of religious mixing, with people borrowing a little from this religion and a little from that religion.

Paul's solution was *a better understanding of Jesus*. Knowing the *real* Jesus helps us to stay away from the counterfeit, no matter how it comes packaged. Epaphras was responsible for bringing the Gospel to the Colossians (Colossians 1:6-7). He was a native of the city (Colossians 4:12) and also got the message out to neighboring towns like Hierapolis and Laodicea (Colossians 4:13).

Epaphras heard the Gospel himself when Paul was in Ephesus. As Paul taught in the lecture hall of Tyrannus, *all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord* (Acts 19:10). It would not be surprising if some people from Colosse heard the Gospel at that time as well.

Paul is well aware that they are in danger of losing their clear vision of Christ. That was the nature of the Colossian heresy which attacked the person of Jesus. They were in danger, therefore, of losing a proper sense of the profound power and eminence of Jesus Christ in their own world.

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. 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 and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him…" Colossians 1:15-19

Jesus Christ should have first place in everything. He should not merely be prominent in your life, He should be pre-eminent. Jesus Christ does not want to be merely an important part of your life. He wants to be first in your life.

This is one of the most moving and theologically profound passages of Scripture concerning Christ's person and absolute supremacy, His absolute preeminence in everything. The simple but profound confession of the early Church was "Jesus Christ is Lord." That is still the confession of the Church today.

Peter proclaimed that great truth on the day of Pentecost, preaching before the multitudes gathered in Jerusalem. He concluded his sermon by saying, *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."* Acts 2:36

Peter was saying that God has made Him Lord, and if God has made Him Lord, you should too.

Jesus Christ was and is and always will be Lord! It was at that point that the people listening were cut to the heart and said, *"Brothers, what shall we do?"* They understood that if Jesus was and is truly Lord, then they had to make a response to that. They could not remain neutral.

If you see just who Jesus really is, you will also see that the smartest thing you can do is to submit to Him and surrender your life to live for Him. HE IS LORD! The only thing we can do is respond to the fact that He is Lord. He then spends the next verses telling us why He is Lord.

1. **He Is The Manifestation Of God.**

You can depend upon Him!

He should be given first place in your life is because of His relation to God.

"*He is the <u>image</u> of the invisible God."* Colossians 1:15

In other words, He is the very manifestation of God. All the characteristics of God were in Him all the time. The world has struggled to say He is God and the way to God.

"*Image*" is the word "*eikon*." You might recognize its English word — icon. It points to a statue or a portrait, or in our modern vernacular, a photograph. Jesus Christ is the picture, the representation of, the picture of God. When Jesus came to this earth, God came in the form of a man. He walked among us, and He lived among us.

He is the picture-perfect representation of God.

Likeness, as in the image on a coin or the reflection in a mirror.

Manifestation, with the sense that God is fully revealed in Jesus.

If Paul meant that Jesus was merely similar to the Father, he would have used the ancient Greek word *homoioma*, which speaks merely of similar appearance. The stronger word used here proves that Paul knew that Jesus is God, just as God the Father is God. It means that "Jesus is the very stamp of God the Father."

Canon cameras did a commercial several years ago with the famous tennis player Andra Agassi for their new camera series. The motto was, "Image is everything." But with Jesus, the image was everything. He was fully God and fully man.

Christ is the image of the invisible God revealed. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. Image meant that Jesus is divine. Paul offers it as proof. Gnostics and docetics thought He was a spirit. They thought that when He walked He didn't leave footprints.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

In the Jehovah's Witness Bible, called the *New World Translation*, they add one little word to the last phrase of John 1:1. In their translation it reads, "and the word was *a* God." That little change makes a BIG difference. In computer terms, an icon is a shortcut to the fullness. It is the way to access.

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." Hebrews 1:3

"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped." Philippians 2:6

He existed in the very form and essence of God. In Jesus, we have God made flesh. He is the portrait of God. He is the divine Son of God, and you need that divine power in your life.

2. **He Is The Creator Of The Universe.**

He understands us!

"*For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.*" Colossians 1:16

Notice the words, "by Him" and "for Him." He was the agent of creation and the purpose of it as well. The whole of the cosmos was made for Him!

He is the Creator God. He called all things into existence. "*Visible, invisible, thrones, powers, rulers, authorities*" are terms for angelic and demonic spiritual beings. His creative hand has made everything, visible and invisible, physical and spiritual.

In case you wonder if anything was made without Him, there is nothing spiritual or physical that was not made by Him. The One who created the world walked on the world. The hands that worked in the carpenter shop created the wood that He shaped in the shop. When He multiplied the bread and fish, He was the One who made the wheat and created the fish. The hands that were pierced made the iron that pierced them. He made the people who chose the nails and hammered them in.

Think about the complexity of our universe. We are doing things now in the understanding of cell structure that are mind-boggling. In the book entitled Darwin's Black Box, by Michael DeHee, Professor of Biochemistry at Rutgers University, he demonstrates the fact that the complexity of the cell is absolutely, mathematically impossible for human life to have come into existence by randomness rather than by rational design. He says that the odds of intelligent life just happening on the earth are 400,000 trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion to one. It didn't just happen. Jesus Christ is the creator of the universe!

You have 300 trillion cells in your body. Every cell has a wall. It has cytoplasm and nucleus. In the nucleus of that cell, there are rod calls chromosomes. On those chromosomes are millions of genes. In those genes there

is the DNA which gives detailed instructions for every part of your body. The DNA of your body is so compact it could fit into an ice cube. If you strung out the DNA, it would go all the way to the sun and back to the earth 400 times. Yet, in that DNA are all of the instructions for every part of your body. It tells everything. There is enough information in your DNA in your body to fill 600 books of 1,000 pages each. It tells how long your finger is going to be. It tells the size of your foot. You have all kinds of cells. You have lumber cells that lay down the pipe lines for all of your body. You have carpenter cells that build the bone structure for your body. You have electrical cells that lay the communication fibers for every part of your body.

"Through him all things were made; <u>without him nothing was made</u> that has been made." John 1:3

- Comets have vapor trails up to 10,000 miles long. If you could capture all that vapor, and put it in a bottle, the amount of vapor actually present in the bottle would take up less than 1 cubic inch of space.
- Saturn's rings are 500,000 miles in circumference, but only about a foot thick.
- If the sun were the size of a beachball and put on top of the Empire State Building, the nearest group of stars would be as far away as Australia is to the Empire State Building.
- The earth travels around the sun about eight times the speed of a bullet fired from a gun.
- There are more insects in one square mile of rural land than there are human beings on the entire earth.
- A single human chromosome contains twenty billion bits of information. How much information is that? If written in ordinary books, in ordinary language, it would take about four thousand volumes.

"*All things were created*" has the idea of "stand created" or "remain created." The permanence of the universe rests on Christ far more than on gravity. It is a Christ-centric universe.

I love the passage in Psalm 139:15, "*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth*." When you witness the complexity of a human cell, you are just witnessing Jesus doing His Work. You are not an accident. That means you are created by the creative process of God. You are important, you matter, and God cares about you!

"*Whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers."* The Colossian Heresy was consumed with an elaborate angelology, which placed angels as mediators between God and man. Paul emphasized that whatever ranks of spirit beings there may be, Jesus created them all, and they all ultimately answer to Him.

3. **He Is The Owner Of All Things.**

"All things were created by him and for him." Colossians 1:16

I must give my life back to Him!

When He looks down, there is not one tiny detail that He does not look at and say, "That is Mine." It is all His. There will come a day when "*every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord*," (Philippians 2:10) that He is the creator and owner of it all.

He is the *Destiny* of all things. All things were created by Him and <u>for</u> Him. Everything that has been created, was not only created through His power, but also created for His purposes. Christ puts us all here on earth, not so we could do our things, but so we could do His thing. You were created by Him and for Him. He is more than simply the Creator. He is also the Sustainer of the universe.

Scientists think they have found not only the beginning of the universe, but they also think they have seen the end of the universe. They say there will come a time when there will be an explosion of galaxies, and in 6 billion years, this universe will be over. We don't know if it will be 6 million, I don't know if it will be 6 years, but one of these days Jesus is going to pull apart the atoms of this universe and take out all of the

consequences of the curse, and He is going to put things back together in a new heaven and a new earth. The Bible says it will be so glorious and so beautiful you will forget what this one even looked like.

Jesus Christ created the universe. Jesus Christ sustains this universe. If Jesus is upholding this universe with His power, why do you and I worry about our problems? Jesus created the universe. Jesus sustains the universe. Christ gives meaning and purpose to this universe. You can't find any reason for the universe apart from God's plan in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the book of Revelation, chapters 4 and 5, we have the song of creation. "*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being*." Revelation 4:11

In Revelation chapter 5, we have the sealed book which represents the title deed of this universe. The question is asked, "*Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?*" *But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me,* "*Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals*." Revelation 5:2-5

Christ puts us all here on earth, not so we could do our thing, but so we could do His thing.

4. **He Is The Sustainer Of All Our Lives.**

"*In Him all things hold together*." Colossians 1:17

He holds my life together!

Jesus is both the unifying principle and the personal sustainer of all creation. The Preserver is as necessary to the continuance of all things as God the Creator was to their original production.

"*All things stick together in Him*" implies to us that without the presence of the eternal God of the universe, things would literally fly apart. He did not simply wind up the universe and watch it run down. He is active and involved in every detail of His creation. He is the one who holds our life together. He is the hub, and when we move in Him, our life is smooth. When He is off center, it makes for a rough ride. We all live on the difficult rocky terrain called life. When He is the center, your life has a greater ability to move forward.

The atom is amazing. When it splits, disaster and destruction are the result. Chaos. Scientists still do not know exactly what holds the atom together. Many times they cite some unknown "force" of nature. There are atoms and then parts of atoms called electrons, and parts of that, but no one knows what holds them together. Scientists at Cornel say there must be something more fundamental that holds it all together. We know what this force is. It is the power of the eternal God! Christ holds this universe together. He sustains everything that is and will continue to do so until He comes again.

5. **He is the Head of the Church.**

"*And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*" Colossians 1:18-19

He gives my life direction!

Paul gives us the image of a physical body. In a body, the head is the controlling part of that body. A body is not much good without a head. It is an essential part of the body. I can survive without my arm. While I would be severely limited in some respects, if I had to choose between having my arm or my head chopped off, it

would be an easy choice. I'd choose my arm (some of you might choose my head). Paul is saying, "He is the boss. He is the ruler. He is the head, and He is the controlling factor of the body."

He wants to be the controlling factor in your life to keep you moving in the right direction. When He is not the center, you are like a chicken running around with your head cut off. He does not want you wandering around without Him.

When Jesus is the head, He makes sure that all your activity has some direction. It should change the way we do our ministry to discover that He is the head. God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him. Jesus Christ is God the Son. He is Lord, and we should bow before Him in surrender because God has placed Him first.

Christ should be first in your life because He is the Creator of the universe. He made all things. He made you. A creator owns his creation. You are the property of God. He is the head of the church. Everything about your body is directed from the head. That's where the brain is. Your brain has access to every cell in your body. I say it reverently, but Jesus Christ is the brains of the church.

Churches today need to decide who is in charge. Churches today need to find out who governs the church. The church is not a monarchy, ruled by the pastor. The church is not an oligarchy, ruled by the deacons. The church really is not a democracy, ruled by the people. The church is a CHRISTOCRACY, ruled by Jesus Christ. Until you figure out who is in charge in the church, you'll flounder and never really know what a church is intended to do. He is the HEAD OF THE CHURCH!

He died, was buried, rose again, and He possesses resurrection life! He is the resurrected head of the church. This is what puts life in a church. Jesus Christ is alive and vibrant and active! Any church that gets plugged in with Jesus and is in contact with Jesus Christ will be alive.

They have found that Saint Paul's Cathedral in London is moving down Fleet Street at a rate of one inch every hundred years. When a church lets Jesus Christ be the head, that church is alive. I don't want to be pastor of a dead church. I want a live church. How can a church be dead? That's a contradiction of terms. Jesus is a risen Savior. Jesus gets in a church the praying is alive. The singing is alive. The teaching is alive. The preaching is alive. The witnessing is alive. The testifying is alive. The church is alive when Jesus is in charge! When a church loses contact with the head, you have problems.

"*They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow*." Colossians 2:19

If there is a problem that breaks the connection between the brain and the body, you have difficulties. Sometimes in humans the link between the brain and body is somehow impeded. You go to the doctor and the doctor takes that little rubber hammer and hits the knee. If there is an impairment between the brain and the body, when the doctor hits the knee, there is a reflex response, but it is not regular. It jerks violently because there is something lost in connection.

"*Fullness*" is the word *pleroma*, and denotes "substantial, comprehensive, and expressive of all and everything"—the totality of the Divine powers and attributes. *Pleroma* was used by the Gnostic teachers to express the sum-total of divine powers and attributes. Christ may have been ranked with these inferior images of the divine by the Colossian teachers. This is the significance of Paul's assertion that the *totality* of the divine dwells in Him.

The Gnostics distributed the divine powers among various icons. Paul gathers them all up in Christ, a full statement of the deity of Christ.

"*Dwell*" means a *permanent dwelling*. There is an entirely different word used for the sense of a *temporary* dwelling place. Paul wanted to emphasize the idea that Jesus was not *temporarily* God, but is *permanently* God.

"*Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand*." Isaiah 53:10

The phrase "*in Him should all the fullness dwell*" gathers into a grand climax the previous statements – *image of God, first-born of all creation, Creator, the eternally preexistent, the Head of the Church, the victor over death, first in all things*.

The fullness is in Jesus Christ. Not in a church; not in a priesthood; not in a building; not in a sacrament; not in the saints; not in a method or a program, but in Jesus Christ Himself. It is in Him as a "distribution point" – so that those who want more of God and all that He is can find it in Jesus Christ.

6. **He Is Firstborn From The Dead.**

"*He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy*." Colossians 1:18

Jesus gives our life hope!

Jesus is not the first raised from the dead, but the first to be raised who did not die again. He raised Himself. All the others eventually died, but He did not. Since He did not die as many had hoped, we will live as long as He lives, because the resurrection is eternal. He is the first fruit of resurrection.

As a Christian, a part of His Church, you should acknowledge Him as your leader. Christ does not desire prominence. He desires preeminence. He does not desire an important place. He desires and deserves first place.

7. **He Is The Savior Of Our Souls.**

"And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." Colossians 1:19-20

Reconciliation is one of the truths in the Bible which tell us just how very special the work of Christ on the cross is to you and me. Reconciliation has to do with the restoration of a broken relationship. If two friends who have had a little falling out are able to get back together, they are reconciled. A broken relationship is re-established. A husband and a wife have something come between them. They are reconciled. That broken relationship is brought back together.

There was a couple estranged from one another and planning a divorce. They had one little boy they loved dearly. The little boy became terminally ill. As he lay there dying the mother was on one side of the bed and father on the other, the little boy reached out and took the hand of the mother and the hand of father and brought them together and died. Because one died, both of them loved and were reconciled.

At the cross, Jesus Christ took the hand of the Father. He reaches out to you today. Would you take His hand? Jesus is not one among many. Jesus is the One and only. No one comes to God the Father but by Him.

The Bible says because of what Jesus did on the cross of Calvary, you and I who were enemies of God have

now been reconciled. In the Garden of Eden, before sin entered, man and God were face to face. Adam and Eve sinned, and when they did, they turned their backs on God. They became hostile to God. They became enemies of God. God continued to be love. John 3:16 says, "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...*"

But man became a rebel against God. Man turned his back on God so there was a breach in the relationship because of sin. That does not mean that God is hostile toward you. God has never had a hostile or hard thought toward you, but man cannot say he has never had hostility toward God. God has never questioned His love for us. It has been unchanging. But our love, in response to God, has been wrecked by sin.

- **He Paid The Price.**

"*by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross*." Colossians 1:20

He paid the price of His own body of flesh. He made it possible for you and me to be reconciled because He paid the price of His own body. In that day, there were false teachers who said that Jesus Christ was not really a person. They said He was just a phantom person. In fact, some said when Jesus walked He didn't even leave a footprint, that He was not a real person. But the Scripture here says that Jesus Christ died in the body of His flesh. Jesus died in a real body.

"*He his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree*." 1 Peter 2:24

When Jesus Christ died on that cross He suffered in a real body. It was a body of flesh. When the nails were driven in His hands, they hurt because He had a real body. When the spear was thrust into His side, it was painful because it was a real side. When the crown of thorns was pressed on his head, it was excruciatingly painful because He suffered for our sins "*in his own body*."

The Bible says, "*Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*." John 1:29

Where did Jesus take our sins in that body? He carried our sins as far as the east is from the west. When He bore our sins in that body, He carried our sins away. So, He suffered in a real body of flesh. Not only that, He also suffered and paid the price with His real blood, the "blood of His cross."

The only ingredient that could pay the price for our sins was the blood of Jesus. Hebrews 9:22 and Leviticus 17:11 say, "*Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin*."

That is an eternal principle in God's moral universe. Without the shedding of blood, sin could not be forgiven. When Jesus went to that cross and His blood was shed and poured down His body and congealed in pools in the dirt around the cross, He was paying the price for our sins.

"*Unto him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood*." Revelation 1:5

Ours were the sins, His was the blood. Jesus paid the price with His own blood. That's why we like the songs about the blood. Aren't you grateful we're in a church that believes in the shed blood of Jesus? Aren't you glad you're in a church that sings songs about the blood of Jesus? Some people today are ashamed of the blood of Jesus Christ.

- **He Made The Peace .**

"*by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross*." Colossians 1:20

When sin entered the universe in the garden of Eden, the whole universe was broken and out of order. That's

why you see thorns and thistles in plant life. That's why you see claws and fangs and the fierceness and brutality of animals. The whole universe was thrown out of kilter when sin entered the universe.

- **Christ Made Reconciliation Universal.**

"*and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven*" Colossians 1:20

When Jesus died on the cross, He made possible a peace that would reconcile the whole universe. Romans 8:20-21 says, "*For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.*"

"*We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies*." Romans 8:20-23

When Jesus made peace on the cross, He made possible a universal reconciliation. There will be a day when Christ will restore the universe to its original harmony. That's why the Bible tells us about a wonderful millennium reign of Jesus. One day, the Bible says, there will be no universe that has been shaken by sin. It will be a perfect universe.

- **Christ Made Reconciliation Personal.**

"*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior, but now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death*." Colossians 1:21-22

Who is Paul talking to? Saved people. He's talking about people who have repented of their sins. He's talking about people who have received Jesus Christ into their hearts and lives. That's a statement of what it means to be lost. That's a statement of man's condition before he is saved, before he experiences this reconciliation.

Sin is presented in many places in Scripture. In the Garden of Eden, you can see sin. You see Abel lying in a pool of his own blood. Sin is to blame. You go to the days of the flood. You see those floating, bloated bodies in the water. Sin is to blame. You go to Sodom and see the smoke belching up from the ashes and ruins of Sodom. Sin is to blame. If you really want to see your wicked works, if you really want to see where sin is sin, go to the cross of Calvary and see Jesus dying on that old cross. See Jesus suffering on that old cross. Jesus Christ bore our sins in His own body on the tree. That's what sin did. Sin put Jesus to the cross of Calvary.

When Jesus bore our sins on the cross, the Bible does not say He was made a sinner. It's even worse than that. "*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*" 2 Corinthians 5:21

When Jesus died on the cross, He was not just made a sinner. He was made SIN for us. He who knew no sin was made sin for us. In the Garden of Eden when man rebelled against God, he turned his back on God. God has continued to love us. God has continued to appeal to us. God has continued to call to us and urge us to be reconciled to Him. In that moment when Jesus bore our sins on the cross, Jesus cried, "*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me*?" Matthew 27:46

In that moment, when Jesus was made sin, the Heavenly Father turned away from His own Son, the Lord Jesus. Jesus died alone. Jesus died forsaken on that cross. That's the peace He made. The price He paid. He made peace by the blood of His cross.

- **He Displayed The Purpose.**

"*But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.*" Colossians 1:22

He has a great purpose and that is to present you to the Heavenly Hather. The word, present, is used to describe the presentation of an enemy to the king who has conquered him.

- *I'll present you holy in His sight* - just like you've never done anything wrong.
- *I'll present you without blemish* - as if there has never been a spot on your record.
- *I'll present you free from accusation* – so there is no condemnation against you.