

Christians on Campus
Fall 2020 Bible Study
The Heart of the Bible
Colossians (1)

The book of Colossians shows us that Christ is the all-inclusive One for our enjoyment. As you read, highlight the aspects of Christ in these verses.

Colossians 1:1-23

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy the brother, ²to the saints in Colossae and faithful brothers in Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always concerning you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have unto all the saints ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in the heavens, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, even as it is also in all the world, bearing fruit and growing, as also in you, since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷even as you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow slave, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸who also has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰to walk worthily of the Lord to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing by the full knowledge of God, ¹¹being empowered with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all endurance and long-suffering with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; ¹³who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins; ¹⁵who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him; ¹⁸and He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things; ¹⁹for in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell ²⁰and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross—through Him, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens. ²¹And you, though once alienated and enemies in your mind because of your evil works, ²²He now has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and without reproach before Him; ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast and not being moved away from the hope of the gospel, which you heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, of which I Paul became a minister.

Questions

1. Verses 12-22 in chapter 1 mention many aspects of Christ. With your group, fill out this table, and then choose a few of them and consider how you can apply and enjoy Christ as these aspects.

Verse	Aspect
15	The image of the invisible God
15	The Firstborn of all creation

2. Based on what you heard in this podcast, why did Paul write the book of Colossians to the believers in Colossae? How does this apply to us today?
3. What was Paul's burden in his labor for the believers in Colossae? (Hint: vv. 9-11, 23)
4. Verse 12 says, "[God] has qualified us for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light." This allotted portion to the New Testament believers is Christ, the all-inclusive One, as their divine inheritance for their enjoyment. How has God qualified us for this divine inheritance? Consider verses 13-14, 21-22.