



We seem to live in a very fragile world with an even more fragile world system. It is almost as if the balance of human existence is hanging by a thread. It is in this context that it is easy to lose our sense of direction, purpose, and future. Only a fresh understanding of the sustaining power of Christ can bring balance and health to the divinely created world we live in.

JESUS BRINGS STABILITY TO OUR WORLD: (Colossians 1:15-20)

1. Because he is the perfect representation of God.

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15 NIV

"For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ." Colossians 1:19 NIV

2. Because He existed before creation and is sovereign over creation.

"For through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Colossians 1:16-17 NIV

3. Because he is head of the church and the first born from the dead.

"He is also the 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." Colossians 1:18 NASB

4. Because he is the reconciler of all things to himself.

"And through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross." Colossians 1:20