

Lesson#3: Colossians 1:15-23

I Colossians 1:15-20

Hymn to Christ

What titles and descriptions of Christ do you find in 1:15-20?

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Of the titles listed above, what strikes you the most? Why?

In v. 18, what do you think Paul means when he says Christ is “the firstborn from among the dead”?
(Reference 1 Corinthians 15:12-23)

II Colossians 1:19-20

Recall our last study, when Paul was praying for the Colossians so that they might “live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way” (v. 10). Here, Paul says God the Father was pleased with Christ (see also Matthew 3:13-17). What was God pleased about in Christ?

In light of these verses about Christ, how may we please the Father?

III Colossians 1:21-23

In 1:21-23, Paul shows how the new lives of the Colossians differ radically from their old ones. What changes have occurred...

...in their relationships with God?

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...in their behavior?

old	new

IV Conclusion

What do you find to be the most awe-inspiring concept in Colossians 1:15-23?

How can that concept help you “continue in your faith” – both now and in the future?

Prayers