



Week 1: Just who is Jesus?

Sunday, October 23rd, 2022

✝ An ongoing prayer
Colossians 1:9-14

✝ The Great Confession
Colossians 1:15-20

The defining reality of what Christianity is, is who JESUS is!

In this portrait of Christ, we see the essential Truth of:

- Jesus' supremacy over the FIRST creation
- Jesus' supremacy over His NEW Creation
- Jesus' supremacy in RECONCILING His creation to God

✝ Jesus is the full, total, flawless revelation of God. Jesus IS God!
Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:1-3

✝ Jesus is both the AGENT and the SOURCE of all creation.
Colossians 1:6

All things means ALL THINGS!

✝ Jesus is the SUSTAINER of all creation
Colossians 1:17, Acts 17:28a

✠ Jesus is the head of His New Creation Body, the church.
Colossians 1:18

✠ The Jesus we have seen is the fullness of God!
Colossians 1:19

✠ Jesus is God's agent in God's cosmic work of reconciling to Himself ALL THINGS.
Colossians 1:20

- What this doesn't mean (*and – with great humility- what it does!*)
Romans 1:16-17, 1 John 5:11-13

✠ A few really important takeaways

- In Christ, we are set free from fear!
- In Christ, we need no other source for life and godliness.
- Before Christ, our response will be humility, gratitude, hope, and worship.
- The answer to the question 'just who is Jesus' is also the answer to the question 'just who is God?'

Questions for reflection and discussion

- In your own words, answer the question "who is Jesus?" How has this study changed or expanded your answer?
- Considering this passage, what do you see as the most significant truths about Jesus? Why? How do many people have a limited view of Jesus?
- Think of things- both personal and societal- that cause you to be afraid. How does this passage bring freedom from those fears?
- How does this portrait of Jesus- if we really believe it- protect us from the temptation to compromise our faith in our attempts to meet our deepest needs?
- If beholding this truth of Jesus leads us into humility, gratitude, worship, and hope... how will this impact how we engage with the world and people around us? What are specific examples in your own life?

Next week: Colossians part 2, week 2- Just who is God? Col 1:15-20
