

Communion with God
Colossians 1:15-20
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Intro: Ryan's Testimony

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

1. Who is God? Christ is God made visible

1 Timothy 1:17 (ESV)

John 1:18 (ESV)

Jesus is the image of the invisible God — and in him, God doesn't just give us a picture of himself, but his very self: the Word made flesh.

Colossians 2:9

In Chris we see that God is...

- A) Knowable
- B) Relational
- C) Compassionate and Merciful
- D) Holy and Just
- E) Powerful and Sovereign

If you want to get the fullest and clearest picture of who God is - look to Jesus Christ

2. What is my purpose in life? You were made for Christ.

Notice all the times in Colossians 1:15-20 where Jesus is first or primary in any sort of way...

FIRSTBORN of all creation (v.15)

BEFORE all things (17)

HEAD of the body, the church (18)

He is the BEGINNING (18)

He is the FIRSTBORN from the dead (18)

In everything he is PREEMINENT (18)

You don't need a seminary degree to see that Paul is trying to cement in our minds that Jesus is SUPREME and of the FIRST importance in all things.

- A) All things are from him
- B) All things are held together by him
- C) All things are created for him.

“Christ stands at the “beginning” of the universe as the one through whom it came into being, and he stands at its end as the goal of the universe”

Douglas J. Moo, The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon

Jesus is the beginning, he is the end, he is the head, and he is the foundation.

1. You were made to worship him
2. You were made to serve him
3. You were made to obey him

If it's true that I was made for him, then I'll never regret obeying him.

3. How does God accept me? You are reconciled through Christ's blood.

Genesis 3:24 (ESV)

Zechariah 13:7 (ESV)

Mark 14:7 (ESV)

You need to see Jesus Christ is the shepherd who is pierced for us.

Jesus Christ deserved peace with God. We deserved the sword of justice. Instead he is pierced so that we can share in the peace.

Communion is an ordinance or ceremony, where we remember that it was Christ's body broken for us, and blood poured out that made a way for those who trust in him to have peace with God.

A sermon is the gospel for your ears, the Lord's table is the gospel for your eyes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV)