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Questions for discussion and application

- The Colossians were tempted to move away from Jesus – and devalue him. How does Paul care for and protect the Colossians?
- Who is Jesus? What does Colossians 1:15-23 say about him? As you read who Jesus is, does anything stand out to you as new or special?
- How is a focus on the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus the best protection against error? How is it the best remedy to our brokenness?
- In what ways do we try to earn, add or pursue things outside of God's provision in Jesus? What's the solution to this empty pursuit?
- Discuss the comparison verses 15-20 makes between Jesus' supremacy over ALL creation and over NEW creation? What is this NEW creation? After considering the scope of God's reconciling work, how does it impact you?
- Read Colossians 1:19-22 slowly. What has God done? What more could be gained / given? What does this mean for us right now?
- Paul tells the Colossians 1:23 "*continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.*" How do we follow this instruction? What will it require?

The Incomparable Christ

Colossians 1:15-23

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1. Remember who Jesus is

(Colossians 1:15-20)

Jesus is supreme over all creation (Colossians 1:15-17)

JESUS IS the image of the invisible God

- 2 Corinthians 4:6
- Hebrews 1:3

JESUS IS *the firstborn over all creation*

- Psalm 89:27
- Colossians 2:7

JESUS IS Creator of ALL things

- Genesis 1:1 and John 1:3
- Revelation 22:13
- Hebrews 2:10

JESUS IS eternal

JESUS holds all things together

Jesus is supreme over NEW creation (Colossians 1:18-20)

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

JESUS IS the Head of the Church

JESUS IS the beginning and *the firstborn from among the dead*

JESUS IS the place of God's presence

- John 1:14

JESUS IS the place of reconciliation

2. Recognize what Jesus did for you and never move away from it

(Colossians 1:21-23)

“Alienated” = involves isolation, loneliness, a deep sense of not belonging, separation.

His supremacy and sufficiency
is
the best protection against error
and
the greatest remedy to our brokenness.

Colossians 1:22 - *“holy in his sight”* and *“without blemish (a sacrificial term) and free from accusation”*

When we take our minds and hearts off of Jesus and his words, all kinds of other things try to fill the void.