

THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

Colossians 1:15-23 // Dr. Ron Jones

It is not until the church is confronted with some dangerous heresy that she begins to realize the riches of orthodoxy. WILLIAM BARCLAY

Who is Jesus? / Colossians 1:15-20

1. Jesus is Lord of _____.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. COLOSSIANS 1:15-17; HEBREWS 1:3; JOHN 1:18

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2. Jesus is Lord of the _____.

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to

himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. COLOSSIANS 1:18-20

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Who Am I in Jesus? / Colossians 1:21-23

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds. ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

FORMER CONDITION	PRESENT CONDITION
"Alienated"	"Reconciled"
"Hostile in mind"	"Holy and blameless"
"Doing evil deeds"	"Above reproach"

In order to live out my _____ in Christ, I must put aside _____ about God and me.