

Christ – Our Amazingly Gifted, Creator, Director, Leader, Coach & Friend.

Colossians 1: 15 – 29

- 1) **Background:** God has always wanted a family. A people for Himself who would follow Him, take on assignments and be together. Love being around Him, He would interact with them, carry out projects together. Be a team and work together. From the beginning Satan wanted to destroy this bond and relationship.
 - a) **Creation of the “God Family” - Garden of Eden/ Tree of Life**
 - Gen. 2: 7 Adam is made/ 2: 21-22 Eve comes alongThey were in a place of favor and blessing. ** They knew God as a neighbor and friend... distance, He’d come and walk with them in cool of the evening.
 - b) **Christ came to our world to reverse the disastrous affect of**
Adam and Eve’s sin. But to take it one step closer....Instead of restoring our “Neighbor, friend relationship.” **Bring us into The Family**” Live and dwell inside our hearts!
 - c) **At the end of the bible** we get a glimpse into this amazing vision for united Family. .
 - **Rev. 21:1- 4** New Heaven and new earth / great culmination of the “Family of God”..... All together with God and battle of sin and death is over!!
 - **Rev. 21: 6- 7** All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.
 - d) **The other cool part** of this story- “**Tree of Life**”
 - In Genesis God’s plants all these amazing trees and puts the “Tree of Life” in the middle of Garden of Eden. Gen. 2: 9 - As well as the “Tree of Knowledge of good and evil.”
 - When we get to the end of the Bible and Revelation –
We find the tree of Life again..... **Rev. 22: 1- 3**
 - a) It appears that the first tree of Life is on One Side and The New Tree of Life is on the other side. (God was bringing Heaven to Earth in Creation)
Transplanted the tree of life to garden of Eden. ...
 - b) Just maybe, before the flood got to bad, he uprooted it and planted it back in heaven!!!
 - c) Personalized names -
(Rev. 2: 17) - Each of us will be given a white stone....Name tag: Engrave a new name for each of us that only God and each of us recognize.
- 2) **Colossians - 1: 15- 29** Jesus our amazingly gifted Creator, Supreme leader, liberator, coach and friend.

Here are some over arching passages from Colossians –

 - a) **Col. 1: 15 – 16** **Jesus is Supreme over all Creation!**
 - b) **Col. 1: 17** **Jesus Hold’s everything together!**
(Heb. 1:3) **The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.**

- c) **Col. 2: 2- 3** Jesus holds all the answers to Life's Struggles
- d) **Col. 2:6-7** Jesus must be your Spiritual "One a Day" vitamin
- e) **Col. 3: 1-2** Jesus helps us look to the our Final Destination.
- f) **Col. 3: 11** Jesus is all that matters!

Colossians 1: 16 – 29

- a) Jesus invested everything to restore the possibility of "Family"
Being a part of God's world. **Col. 1: 13-14**
- b) **Col. 1: 15** - Jesus represents all of the Father for us to see!
Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.
- c) **Col. 1: 15b – 20** The full spectrum of Jesus' work:
This is a Comprehensive list of the power and influence
Christ had upon our existence and future redemption!!
 - Every molecule in the universe he made
 - Every star, planet, galaxy he made
 - Every human being is his design –
Jesus is there for each of us.... No matter what we have
going on in our lives. He has the answers.
- d) **Col. 1: 21- 22** For most of us...as Gentiles, we were outside the
Realm of being in God's Family!!!!

3) **Application:** What do we do with all this amazing truth....

- a) Key passages - Col. 1: 23 Dwell and meditate often on these foundations truths.
- b) **Col. 1: 28 – 29** Instruct and teach people around us tThe seriousness of the hour and
need to stick close Christ.
- c) **Conclusion:**
 - Jesus is no longer walking across the street from you at a distance, being a good
neighbor, but not engaging you.
 - He is now living and dwelling inside of you through the presence of the Holy
Spirit. He wants to equip you, teach you, guide you, inspire you onto the very
things He's called you to do.