

**“Jesus Is the Center of It All”**  
Jesus at the Center of It All — Part 4  
*Colossians 1:13-20*

**Who is Jesus and why is it important to know who He is?**

**1. Jesus is the Savior.**

*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

*Colossians 1:13-14*

**Rescued** = We were in danger. What was the danger? The danger was that we were captured by Satan and the powers of darkness.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

**Jesus did not rescue us from darkness to have us wander, but moved us into His own kingdom.**

**Redemption** = To release a prisoner by payment of a ransom. Jesus met the holy demands of God.

**Forgiveness** = Jesus cancelled every debt so that we could not be enslaved again.

**2. Jesus is the Creator.**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

*Colossians 1:15-17*

**Image** = Unlike man, Jesus is the perfect, absolutely accurate image of God.

*Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. ..."*

*John 14:9*

*"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"*

*John 8:58*

*"I and the Father are one."      John 10:30*

**Firstborn** = does not equal first created! He created all things. It clearly means highest in rank.

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine*

nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:20

... Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. 1 Peter 3:21-22

### 3. Jesus is Head of the Church.

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:18

**Head** = Christ controls every part and gives it life and direction. His life lives through all the members.

To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? Hebrews 1:13-14

### 4. Jesus is eternal God.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:19-20

**Fullness** = All the fullness of deity dwells in Christ. The false teachers taught that the fullness of God was spread out in small doses to a group of spirits.

**Reconciled** = The restoration to a right relationship. The sinner stands before God as an enemy, but becomes His friend.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...

Colossians 1:21-22

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

***The only one who can bring together God and man  
is the one who is both God and man Himself.  
Jesus was true man with a real body and  
He was God in human flesh!***

**Application:** Christ has taken care of *all things*. *All things* were created by Him and for Him. He existed before *all things* and holds *all things* together. Jesus has reconciled *all things* through the cross. Jesus Christ has supremacy in *all things*! Since Jesus is the center of *all things*, He deserves to be at the center of our lives.

What place does Jesus have in your life?

How will you make Him the center of *all things* this week?