

Sermon Reflections

A Renewed Vision of Christ (Colossians 1:15-20)

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Summary: Let a renewed vision of Christ transform your life.

Introduction: Paul's purpose in writing Colossians was to insure correct doctrine was understood due to the on-going threat of false teaching. What are specific lies about God, Jesus, or your life in Him that you are tempted to believe? How does the truth about Christ and His work nullify these lies or misunderstandings?

1. Look to Christ – He is God (v. 15)

- Read John 1:18, John 14:8-9, and 1 Timothy 6:16. How does v. 15 and Hebrews 1:3 relate to these verses and instruct us?

2. Look to Christ – He is your Creator (v. 16)

- Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." How are we made in His image? How does this differ from the truth of Col. 1:15?
- Read Romans 8:29 and summarize God's purpose for your life. As you think about the roles you have in your life (spouse, employer/employee, student/teacher, son/daughter, parent, friend ...), how does your purpose and goal (to be conformed into the image of Christ) guide how you fulfill that role?

3. Look to Christ – He is your Sustainer (v. 17)

- How does realizing that Christ is the sustainer of every atom of life affect your attitude concerning your health issues?

4. Look to Christ – He is Lord (v. 18)

- Do you desire to serve at GBC, and how might you go about pursuing serving the Body (if you aren't now)?
- What changes might you need to make to ensure that Christ is preeminent in your life, actions, desires, and thoughts?

5. Look to Christ – He is your Reconciler (vv. 19-20)

- As believers, Christ has already reconciled us to God. As we live in the world now, how is our reconciled status affected when we sin, or is it?
- Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. In what way can we now serve God as ministers of reconciliation?