

## Colossians 1:15-23

**Discuss:** Imagine an alien visitor has come along to your group today; they want to know the basics of Christianity. How would you sum up what you believe? What would you include/exclude? Explain your answer

### Recap:

- How has Paul so far linked what we believe with how we live?
- What is his big desire for the church in Colosse (and by default, our own church)?

### Hear from God: Read Colossians 1:15-20

1. This is a beautiful passage in which Paul sets before the Colossians the mighty person and works of Jesus Christ. Divvy up around the group the various phrases Paul uses and discuss what each one means. There will be some overlap. Other passages have been provided to help you.

Image of the invisible God	See also: John 1:1-18, 14:1-6,
Firstborn of all creation	See also: Genesis 1:1-3, 1:26-28
By him all was created	See also: Genesis 1, Rev 4:11, John 1:1-18
Through him all was created	As above
For him all things were created	As above
He is before all things + holds all things together in him	See also: John 1:1-18, Ephesians 1:1-14,
Head of the body, the church	See also: 1 Corinthians 12:12-3
The fullness of God was pleased to dwell in him	See also: John 1:1-18, Matt 1:20-23
All things were reconciled through him	See also: Romans 5:1-17
Making peace through the blood of his cross	See also: Mark 15:33-41

2. How do you respond to who Jesus is in these verses?

### Hear from God: Read Colossians 1:21-23

3. What has Christ done for the Colossians?
4. What does Paul want them to do with what they know?

### Apply these things to your life

1. Of all we have seen of Christ in this study, what aspect of his person and work resonates with you the most. Why?
2. What would it look like for you to continue in steadfast faith?

## Prayers

This study has been made deliberately short, as it gives much to think and reflect on personally. Using the wording in the passage, thank God for Jesus Christ; his person, his work, and who you are in him.