



GOT TRUTH?

# The Truth About Jesus

## Colossians 1:15-23

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### **The Pre-eminence of Jesus in Creation (verses 15-17)**

Quick Definition: Preeminence = having first place. In verses 15 to 20 Paul describes what it means that Jesus is pre-eminent.

1. In verse 15, what does Paul mean by *“He is the image of the invisible God”*?
2. In verse 16, how does Paul describe Jesus being *“the firstborn of all creation”*?
3. In verses 16 and 17, what does Paul mean by all things being created *“by”, “through”, and “for”* Him?
4. Why do you think Paul is stressing the pre-eminence of Jesus in Creation?
5. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is pre-eminent in creation?

### **The Pre-eminence of Jesus in Redemption (verses 18-20)**

Quick Definition: Redemption = a market term denoting the act of purchase especially in the slave market. While *“salvation”* describes deliverance, redemption is more specific denoting the means by which salvation is achieved.

6. In verse 18, what does Paul mean by *“He is the head of the body, the church”*?
7. In verse 18, what does Paul mean by *“He is the beginning”*? What is the Jesus the beginning of? How does Paul go on to describe this truth?
8. In verse 19, what does Paul mean by *“in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”*?
9. Thinking through the answer to question #8, what is the importance to our redemption that Jesus is fully man and fully God?
10. Why do you think Paul is stressing the pre-eminence of Jesus in redemption?
11. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus is pre-eminent in redemption?

### **The Position of the Believer in Jesus (verses 21-23)**

Quick Definition: Reconciled = the change of personal relations between human beings or between God and man.

12. In verse 21, how does Paul describe our relationship with God prior to reconciliation?
13. In verses 22, how does Paul describe our relationship with God since we have been reconciled?
14. How do you know that what Paul describes is in fact true?
15. In verse 23, what does Paul mean by *“if indeed you continue in the faith”*? Put another way, what would happen if one did not *“continue in the faith”*?
16. How does Paul describe what it means to continue in the faith?
17. What might continuing in the faith look like for you?
18. How might our Life Group be supportive of you as you continue?