

Confusion

Colossians 1.15–20 (NLT)

¹⁵ *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,*

¹⁶ *for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.*

¹⁷ *He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.*

¹⁸ *Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.*

¹⁹ *For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,*

²⁰ *and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.*

3 ways we handle the confusion...

1) Develop the _____ of Jesus.

"Jesus is the visible expression of the invisible God." J.B. Phillips

Psalms 2.10–12 (NLT)

¹⁰ *Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth!*

¹¹ *Serve the Lord with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

¹² *Submit to God's royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities— for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him!*

2) Observe _____ to be wowed by the creator.

Colossians 1.16 (NLT)

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Colossians 1.17 (NLT)

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"Christianity at any given time is strong or weak depending upon her concept of God. And I insist upon this and I have said it many times, that the basic trouble with the Church today is her unworthy conception of God" A.W. Tozer

3) Believe in _____.

Colossians 1.20 (NLT)

²⁰ *and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.*

Colossians 1.21 (NLT)

²¹ *This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.*

My hope for you:

- 1) Find clarity in life by starting a relationship with Jesus.
- 2) And continue to see clearly because you pursue Jesus daily.