

TRUMPET

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Seek the lost, equip the saints, send the sowers

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MONDAY MORNING MUSINGS (881)

Walk in His steps.

From Yesterday's message: All For Jesus. Series: In Him, All Things Hold Together.
Colossians 1.15-20, you can watch the worship and message on YouTube, and there is a link on Facebook.

The Point: Jesus is the image of God and LORD over both worlds, spiritual and physical.

The Question: Who is this Jesus?

I had a professor at Cincinnati Christian University, Mark Zeise, who would say, that when Scripture switches from prose to poetry, one needs to stop and notice. Colossians 1.15-20 is poetry and probably a hymn of the early church. It is deep in its theology but written to be easily memorized and recited. The image of the invisible God, creator, ruler, and redeemer; the fullness of God dwells in Jesus, the Christ.

Image of God and fullness of God (Col 1.15, 19) God is spirit and invisible. This image is not Jesus' body; his body is his humanity. John 4.24 and 1 Tim 1.17. No one has ever seen God and never will. John 1.18 and 1 John 4.12 We see what he does (like the wind and barometric pressure) but not him—he is without a body! God created man in His image, not the physical image, but the inclusion of spirit and soul. Angels are spirit; man is physical and spiritual. Christ is the perfect image because he is the full image. He is not a copy or projection; he is fully God.

Creator (Col 1.16) Jesus is the creator, as is the Father and the Spirit. He created spiritual and physical things to fulfill his mission as peacemaker. This includes the physical rulers and thrones one can see and the invisible ones one cannot view. He judges angels, humans, nations, churches, and religions.

Firstborn of creation and the dead (Col 1.15, 17, and 18). Being the firstborn of creation does not mean he is a created being. He is the living God, and from the living God comes everything that exists. Firstborn from the dead means he is the first permanent resurrection.

Jesus is the firstborn of creation, the firstborn of the dead, and preeminent in all things. "First," all three uses have the same root word but slightly different meanings. The first meaning is *first being*—YHWH is self-existent and, therefore, first. The second meaning is first in a line (resurrection). The last definition is one of those rare words in the Bible that is only used once, what I call a 1-1 word—one time in that book and one time in the Bible. It means nothing higher: King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the head of the Church. Every knee will bow.

The Greek word for this type of peace in Col 1.20 is used once in the New Testament. It means he repairs the rift. He provides reconciliation and repair. This use of *peace* expounds on the angels' song Luke 2.14. Choose Jesus as Lord, and the peace is yours.

Church Servants

January 23, 2022

Serving the Table:

Meditation and Prayers: J Kattine

Serving South Charleston: T Geake

Flowers for January:

Communion Preparation:

Worship Team: R Bennington/P Corbet/ W Lott/P Tidd

Musicians: L Burkholder/C Graf/J Dwyer/D Hays/

B Long/P Long/D Ritenour

Attendance

S.S.-

Worship

Offering

01/16/22

31

\$3,901.00

Don't forget to pick up your Christmas cards



Up & Coming Activities In Our Family...

January 23 Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Morning Worship, 11 am

January 24 Zoom Prayer Meeting, 7 pm

January 27 Zoom Bible Study, 7 pm

Serving the Table for January:

23 – J Kattine

30 – J Goodbar

Zoom Prayer Meeting is held every Monday at 7 pm.

If you don't have a code and wish to participate, email the church for a code/invitation.

Zoom Bible Study has resumed. We will be studying Jack Cottrell's book, "Living the Sanctified Life, Studies in Ethics. Please the chapter title, The Highest Good. If you are interested, please let Bill know,

The Kairos from January 8th is now available on YouTube. The next Kairos will be January 22nd.

Julie Broderick has been moved out of Brookdale.

Please send card and letters to: Julie Broderick c/o 21 Elm St., Jamestown, OH 45335

January Birthdays:

01 – D Ritenour

06 – D Sprinkle

15 – D Shaneyfelt

16 – K Basinger

20 – M Grim

23 – J Fox

30 – J Evans

January Anniversaries:

01 – J & J Michael

02 – D & P Evans

06 – T & RA Geake