

Colossians 1:15-23  
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#### JESUS IS GOD MADE VISIBLE

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.* Colossians 1:15

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,* Colossians 1:19

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* John 1:1

*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.* Hebrews 1:3

#### JESUS IS #1 OVER EVERYTHING

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.* Colossians 1:15

*And I will make him the firstborn the highest of the kings of the earth.* Psalm 89:27

*And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.* Colossians 1:18

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.* Isaiah 6:1

#### CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

*For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*  
Colossians 1:16

#### JESUS HOLDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER

*And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.* Colossians 1:17

*... and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.* Hebrews 1:3b

#### JESUS IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY - THE CHURCH

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#### JESUS RECONCILES

*For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,*  
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