

**NOTES TO NEW LEADERS: Our key purpose is to do life and mission together. As I have mentioned before, you will need to be selective with these notes. Much of this is aimed at application questions.**

SHARE IT

Were you ever around someone famous and didn't know it?

**NOTES TO LEADERS: The recipients of the letter (Colossians) were in danger of having a fuzzy and incomplete understanding of Jesus Christ. In this passage, Paul wrote a succinct and powerful overview of Jesus Christ and what he did for us.**

STUDY GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

Paul, the author, wrote this letter to give clarity about who Jesus is and what He accomplished. Some people then, like today, were confused about this all-important topic. Read carefully what he wrote in Colossians 1:15-23.

According to Paul, 'Who is Jesus?' What statements or actions support this conclusion? (15-17) (Note: "Firstborn" is metaphorical meaning "supreme.")

**NOTES TO LEADERS: Jesus is God, Son of God, Creator, Sustainer, Supreme Ruler, Eternally existing, etc.**

What are Jesus' roles? What did He accomplish? How? (18-20)

**NOTES TO LEADERS: ROLES: He reveals God, supreme ruler over all creation and all powers, head of the church, the supreme ruler over all eternal beings, judge of all (implied), reconciler of all things, and author/initiator of the gospel (good news from God).**

**ACCOMPLISHED: The lead statement is v. 19 – He "reconciled all things to Himself." This means that Jesus made possible the fulfillment of the purpose for which God created us – to know Him in His goodness, beauty, and majesty and enjoy Him forever.**

What might this mean (18-20) to those who place faith in him? (21-23)

**NOTES TO LEADERS: We can have eternal peace with God because Jesus made possible for us to be holy and be in God's presence, fully pleasing to Him.**

DISCUSS HOW WE CAN APPLY

If Paul is correct about 'Who Jesus is,' what implications might this have on our worldview? (15-18)

**NOTES TO LEADERS: It should change our worldview in many ways: what we value, how we see ourselves and the people in our world, etc.**

If we truly believe verses 21-22, how might this affect how we relate to God? (Feelings, communication, approach, identity, etc.)

**NOTES TO LEADERS: We no longer need to 'hide' or live in guilt or shame, we can come before God with confidence (Hebrews 10), know that we belong to Him forever as sons and daughters, etc.**

How might knowing what Jesus accomplished impact how we relate to others in our relational worlds?  
(21-22)

**NOTES TO LEADERS: We now have the joy of sharing the gift of the good news with others. We have the ministry of reconciliation, continuing Jesus role of revealing God and what He has done to bring us into His family.**

Thank you Leaders. You are continuing Jesus' good work.  
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