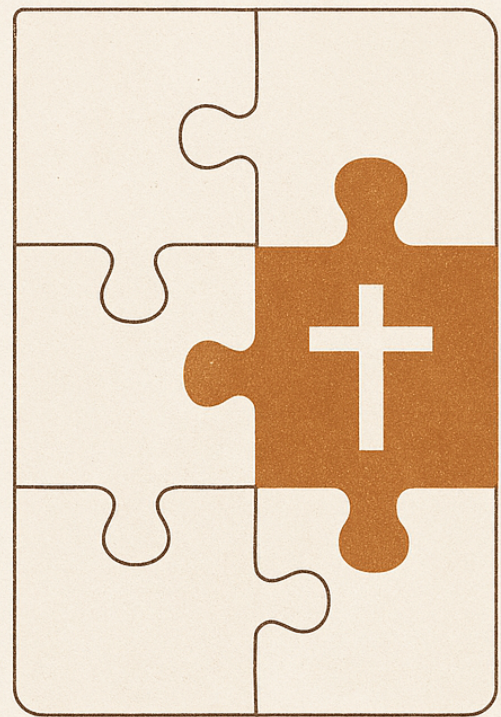


COMPLETE IN CHRIST

A STUDY THROUGH
COLOSSIANS



02: Christ: The Hymn of Heaven and Earth

Colossians 1:15-23

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Today's Passage

Colossians 1:15–23 (NIV)

*"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant."*¹



Exploring The Passage

- a. Christ and Creation
- b. Christ and New Creation
- c. Application to the Colossians

Crossing the Context

This hymn gives us a grand view of Christ. He is:

- The true image of God
- The firstborn of creation
- The sustainer of all things
- The head of the church
- The firstborn from the dead
- The fullness of God in flesh
- The reconciler of all things

Wrap-Up

Christ is not only the center of our faith, He is the center of all creation, and in Him, all things hold together.

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Endnotes:

1. Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from *The Holy Bible: New International Version* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011).