

# Colossians 1:15-19 **By Him and for Him**

## 1. ***In whom [Christ] we have redemption...*** • Colossians 1:14

- a. This describes His dear Son in v13
- b. Redeem: purchase, liberate. Bought with a price, called unto liberty (1 Cor 6:20, Gal 5:13)
- c. Redemption through faith in his blood (Rom 3:24-25)
- d. Even the forgiveness of sins (Rom 3:26, Col 2:13, Rom 6:10)
- e. All that we are freely given is according to His grace in Christ (2 Tim 1:9-11, Eph 1:7)

## 2. ***Who [Christ] is the image...*** • Colossians 1:15

- a. Why Christ can accomplish v14, He is God (Phil 2:6-8, John 14:9, Heb 1:3)
- b. God is invisible (spirit), no one has seen Him (John 1:18, 1 John 4:12)
- c. Christ IS the image, man was made IN His image. Men are now born IN Adam's image and likeness. (Genesis 1:26, 5:3)
- d. We must be found IN Christ, who IS the image of God. (1 Cor 15:20-22)
- e. The firstborn (from the dead). The power of His resurrection: newness of life now, as well as a future hope (Col 1:18, Phil 3:9-11, Rom 6:4, 11, Rom 8:18-23)
- f. Christ was born and Christ was born from the dead/begotten. Resurrection was prophesied, but the mystery was hid in God. (Acts 13:33-34, Ps 2:7, Is 55:3, Ps 16:10)
- g. Who is the firstborn? The resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all. (John 1:3)

## 3. ***By Him [Christ] were all things...*** • Colossians 1:16

- a. More detail on the person of Christ from v15
- b. Jesus Christ created all things. (John 1:2, Eph 3:9)
- c. Principalities and powers can learn the manifold wisdom of God by the church. (Eph 3:10, 1 Cor 2:7, Col 2:15)
- d. Things in heaven and on earth, mystery of His will, all in Christ (Eph 1:9-10, Col 1:13)

## 4. ***He [Christ] is before...*** • Colossians 1:17

- a. Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last (Rev 10:10-11, 18)
- b. He died to sin once, resurrected forever (Rom 6:9-10, 1 Cor 15:55-57)
- c. All things consist: He is the creator and sustains the world.

## 5. ***He [Christ] is the head...*** • Colossians 1:18-19

- a. A new creature (creation), one new man, the church which is His body, not according to prophecy (Gal 6:15, Eph 1:22-23, 2:15-16)
- b. God's purpose before the world began, hid in God, kept secret (1 Cor 2:7, Rom 16:25)
- c. He is the head, His position in relation to us. (Eph 1:21, Col 2:18-19 Col 3:1)
- d. Christ is all we need, all is supplied by the Head. All fulness dwells in Christ, according to God's purpose and pleasure. (Col 2:9)

- e. **Preeminence:** Superiority, excellence. He is above all, the mystery magnifies God's wisdom, power, glory... Reminder: Col 1:9-10, Col 2:2