

Home Group Bible Study w/b January 24th 2016
Colossians 1 15-23
Jesus: His Identity and Work

Paul is writing to the new Christian community at Colosse (about 100 miles east of Ephesus in modern Turkey). They had been brought to faith through Epaphras (Col 1v7). Jesus is not mentioned by name in these verses, but they are all about Him: His identity and His work.

Read Colossians 1 15-20

1 v15 Are we sure we understand who is meant by *He*? How do the words *image* and *firstborn* help our understanding of Jesus?

2 v16-19 How do these verses set out for the Colossians the vastness and scope and power and supremacy, indeed the identity, of Jesus?

Read Colossians 1 20-23

3 v21 Why did the Colossians need to be reconciled with God? Did that just apply to the Colossians? Might it apply to us?

4 v 20&22 By what means has Jesus reconciled the Colossian Christians, and us, to God? How does that make you feel?

5 v v23 What should we make of the warning Paul gives here?

6 What is the most important thing Jesus did while on earth? What do many people think? Is that what you think?

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