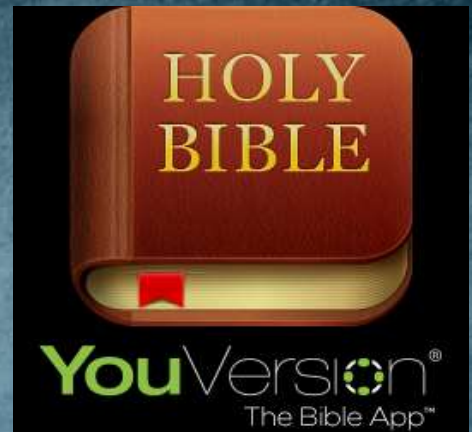




Scripture



Look for our event!

Colossians 1:15-23

The Glorious Preeminence of Christ

6/07/2020

I. Christ is the Image of God - Vs. 15a, 19

Hebrews 1:1-3-

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.”

I. Christ is the Image of God - Vs. 15a, 19

John 1:18 -

“No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.”

II. Christ is the Creator of All - Vs. 15b-16

Psalm 89:27 -

“He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.”

II. Christ is the Creator of All - Vs. 15b-16

John 1:1-3 -

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

III. Christ is Eternal God - 17a

John 8:58 -

“Before Abraham was, I AM.”

IV. Christ is the Sustainer of All - 17b

Heb. 1:3 -

**“The son is the radiance of God’s glory
and the exact representation of His being,
sustaining all things by His powerful
word.”**

V. Christ is Head of the Church - Vs. 18

VI. Christ is the Resurrection - Vs. 18

VII. Christ is Our Reconciliation

- Vs. 20-23

II Corinthians 5:17-21 -

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself...For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

“The vision is vast. The claim is mind-blowing. It says much for the faith of these first Christians that they should see in Christ’s death and resurrection quite literally the key to resolving the disharmonies of nature and the inhumanities of humankind, that the character of God’s creation and God’s concern for the universe in its fullest expression could be so caught and encapsulated for them in the cross of Christ. In some ways still more striking is the implied...

vision of the church as the focus and means toward this cosmic reconciliation — the community in which that reconciliation has already taken place (or begun to take place) and whose responsibility it is to live out, as well as to proclaim its secret.”

~James D.G. Dunn

VII. Christ is Our Reconciliation

- Vs. 20-23

II Corinthians 5:19-20 -

“In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”