

Grace Bible Chapel
Grace Women's Study – Lesson 6
Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Colossians 1:20-23

PRAYER:

Key Theme Verse: Colossians 1:16-18 16 For by Him **all things** were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things (**existed before and created by**), and in Him **all things hold together** (**are sustained and maintained**). 18 He is also **head of the body**, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have **first place in everything**.

Introduction:

Colossians 1:15-19 – the supremacy of Christ

Characteristics of Christ – He is the very image of God (icon = exact representation of His nature)

Christ has the highest prominence (**firstborn** in rank, status, position), by Him **ALL THINGS** were created, heavens on earth (spiritual and physical), visible (physical creation) and invisible (angelic), **through Him** (He created **John 1:3** apart from Him = nothing came into being) and **for Him** (for Christ's glory).

V17 His before **ALL THINGS** = **ALL AUTHORITY** over all things (**Hebrews 1:3** = upholds ALL THINGS by the Word of His power)

V18 = reign in new creation of the church = Head of the church **Firstborn** (in role, status, prominence, authority) of the dead raised to never to die again, something entirely new in the world the church = we share in this new resurrection LIFE **therefore HE** has **FIRST PLACE** in **EVERYTHING**.

V19 ALL fullness = **Col 2:9** in Him **ALL** the fullness of deity dwell in Him

The result is that we understand what God declares in **Philippians 2:9-11** 9 For this reason also, **God highly exalted Him**, and bestowed on Him **the name which is above every name**, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **every knee will bow**, of those who are **in heaven and on earth** and under the earth, 11 and that **every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

False teachings at the time = Christ is not enough, salvation requires Christ plus someone else, or some special knowledge, or some special revelation.

The message in Colossians 20-23 – we are reconciled only by what Christ accomplished on the cross.

Verse 20 is a transition from the evidence of who Christ is, of His sufficiency for our salvation, that of His supremacy in all things, and that before Him we are in need of reconciliation with God, being in our fallen state in sin through Adam and helpless to establish a right relationship with God.

Colossians 1:20 - and through Him to **reconcile** (**change or exchange**) all things to Himself, having made **peace** through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.. (**Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19; Ephesians 2:1-7, Colossians 2:13-14**)

Reconciliation =

Peace =

Colossians 1:21 – And although you were formerly **alienated** and **hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds** ,
(John 3:19-20, Ephesians 2:3; Romans 1:21-23; Romans 8:5-7,)

Alienated =

Hostile =

Engaged in evil deeds =

Colossians 1:22 – yet **He** has now reconciled you (**He has changed us**) in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him **holy** and **blameless** and **beyond reproach**, (Ephesians 1:3-4; Ephesians 5:25-27; 1 Corinthians 16:22; Philippians 2:13-15)

Holy=

Blameless =

Beyond Reproach =

Colossians 1:23 – if indeed (**perseverance is the EVIDENCE that**) you **continue** in the faith **firmly established** and **steadfast**, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister (**servant**).
(Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58;)

CONCLUSION:

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