

COLOSSIANS

Jesus Over Everything

Who is Jesus?

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1. JESUS IS THE VISIBLE IMAGE OF GOD.

Colossians 1:15-16 NLT

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, 16 for through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see--such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him and for Him.

John 14:8-9a NLT

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9 Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father!

2. JESUS IS IN THE BEGINNING WITH GOD.

Colossians 1:17 NLT

He existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together.

John 1:1-4; 14 NLT

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He existed in the beginning with God. 3 God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. 4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. 14 So the Word became human and made His home among us

3. JESUS IS OVER EVERYTHING.

Colossians 1:18 NLT

Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So He is first in everything.

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

"Christ is either Lord of all, or is not Lord at all". -Hudson Taylor

Colossians 1:19-20 NLT

For God in all His fullness was pleased to live in Christ, 20 and through Him God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

Colossians 1:21-22 NLT

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22 Yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body. As a result, He has brought you into His own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before Him without a single fault.