

Responding to the Son of God

Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Who is the Son of God?

The One who _____ (1:15)

¹⁵ *The Son is the image of the invisible God . . .*

_____ over all creation (1:15-17)

¹⁵ *The Son is . . . the firstborn over all creation.* ¹⁶ *For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.* ¹⁷ *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

The _____ and _____ of the church (1:18)

¹⁸ *And he is the head of the body, the church . . .*

The _____ and _____ among the dead (1:18)

¹⁸ he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

How God Feels About His Son & His Son's Death

God was pleased to _____ His Son (1:19)

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him . . .

God was pleased to _____ through His Son's blood and death on the cross (1:19-21)

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God was pleased to make us _____, _____, and _____ through His Son's shed blood and death on the cross (1:22)

²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation . . .

Our Response to Who the Son Is

No matter what happens in life, we must _____ and

_____ if we want to continue to be what God made us to be through His Son (1:23)

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