



Title | Holding It All Together
Series | Toward Wholeness
Text | Colossians 1:15-20
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Sermon Notes

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **17** And 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, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Colossians 1:15. What does it mean for Jesus to be “the image of the invisible God?” (See also 1 John 4:12; 1 Timothy 6:16; John 14:9; John 1:18; Hebrews 1:3). Why is it important?

Tuesday:

Reread Colossians 1:15. What does it mean for Jesus to be “the firstborn of all creation?” Read Colossians 1:16. What does it mean that all things were created “by him,” and “through him” and “for him?” Which parts of this verse point to the totality of Christ’s creation? Why is it important?

Wednesday:

Read Colossians 1:17. In what way is Jesus “before all things?” How does he hold all things together? Read Colossians 1:18. What does it mean for Christ to be preeminent in the church? Why is it important?

Thursday:

Read Colossians 1:19-20. What does it mean for Jesus to “reconcile to himself all things, and why was it necessary?” What “peace” does Jesus make? Why is it important?

Friday:

In light of Colossians 1:15-20, who is Jesus and what does he have to do with your wholeness? How should you respond?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I give you your rightful place as Lord in every area of my life. I surrender to you the worrisome things over which I have no control, trusting that you are holding it all together, so I don’t have to. Amen.