



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, April 19, 2026

Colossians 1:15-23 – The Preeminence of Christ

Paul's declaration of the preeminence of Christ is prefaced by our understanding that Jesus had to be fully God, to have the fullness of God dwell in him, and fully man, to shed his blood by dying on a cross, to reconcile us to God. Jesus can reconcile all things to God because he is above all things.

We can be fully reconciled to God by Christ's sacrifice because:

- Christ created all things
- Christ holds all things together
- Christ is the head of the Church
- Christ is the beginning and the end

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by continuing in our faith, established and firm, and not moving from the hope held out in the gospel.

May you know the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33,36 (ESV))

Discussion Questions:

- Why did Jesus have to reconcile us to God? How did he reconcile us to God?
- Why is it important to know that Christ created all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, thrones or powers or rulers or authorities?
- How does Christ hold all things together? How is this relevant to your life?
- What does it mean that Christ is the head of the Church?
- What is the significance of Christ being the beginning and the end of all things?
- How can we continue in our faith, remain established and firm on the foundation of Christ, and not move from the hope held out in the gospel?