

“God's Beloved Son”
Colossians 1:15-23

- I. POSITION: "image...first-born...head..." (vv.15-20)**
- A. Substitute:** "image of the invisible God" (v.15a)
 - B. Superior:** "first-born of all creation" (vv.15b-16)
 - C. Self-Existent:** "before all things" (v.17a)
 - D. Sustainer:** "in Him all things hold together" (vv.17b)
 - E. Supervisor:** "the head of the body" (v.18a)
 - F. Superior:** "first-born from the dead" (vv.18b-20)
- II. POSSESSION: "He has...reconciled you" (vv.21-23)**
- A. Estranged:** "you were formerly alienated" (v.21)
 - B. Exchanged:** "reconciled...to present you" (v.22)
 - 1. Payment: "reconciled...in His fleshly body"
 - 2. Pursuit: "to present you...holy and blameless..."
 - C. Established:** "*since*...you continue in the faith" (v.23)

Next week: Read Colossians 1:24-29