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1:15-20

His prayer for the Colossians is a wonderful example of how to pray for other Christians and how to pray for ourselves.

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Have you been redeemed? Have you been forgiven? How so?

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But what qualifies Jesus to do such a thing?

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You will never know everything about God.
However, our mistake is not desiring to know
too much, but being satisfied with knowing too
little.

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False teaching usually falls into 2 categories:

1. Attacks on the work of Christ
2. Attacks on the Person of Christ

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Sound doctrine feeds the sheep and drives the goats and wolves away.

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Paul is teaching distinction between God the Father and God the Son, but at the same time teaching that both the Father and Son are equally God.

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Even today, do people believe in Jesus, but not believe that He is God?

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What does it mean if you believe in a Jesus that is not God?

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It means that you have created a Jesus that does not exist, who is a figment of your imagination, and cannot save you from your sin

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John 1:1-3,14

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1 Timothy 1:17

“To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

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John 4:24

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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Psalm 89:25-29

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Hebrews 1:1-2

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John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

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All three of these passages confirm that the Son is not Created, but is the Creator.

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Ephesians 6:12

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

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Daniel 10:20-21

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There is nothing in creation that is more powerful than the Creator.

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There is no power in the entire created universe that is strong enough to remove you from the hand of God.

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If God is before all things, then who created God?

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All things in heaven and earth were not only created by Him but are also held together by Him.

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Hebrews 1:3

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”

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2 Peter 3:5-7

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Jesus is the creator of the Heavens and the earth, the sustainer of the universe, and only in Him is there forgiveness of sins.

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1 Corinthians 15:19-22

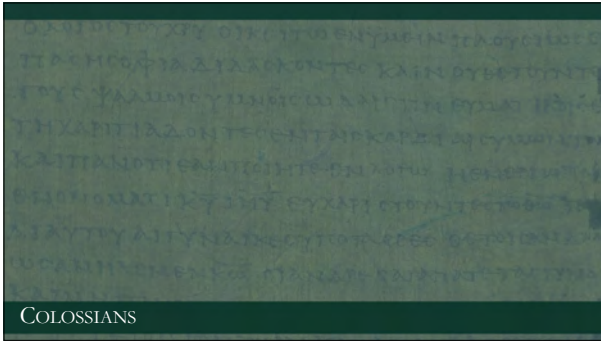
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Jesus is not partially God, or less than God,
He is fully God.

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Revelation 21:1-8

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Series: Colossians

Sermon: Colossians 1:15-20

1. Most anyone you speak to these days is familiar with the name Jesus. However, the way they define Jesus may be in opposition to who He really is. Should we, as Christians, seek further information from those who profess to know Jesus to ensure that they know the right Jesus? Why, or why not?

2. Among Christians, the Son of God, is commonly acknowledged in the incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, however not as much for the creation of all things. Why do you suppose this is? (For scriptural support of this facts see John 1:1-3, Col.: 1:16-13, Heb. 1:1-2)

3. How does knowing that the Creator and Reconciler of all things, is also the one who has redeemed and forgiven you, serve to add security and comfort to your salvation?

4. Christology, the study of Christ, is often considered something only for theology students to be concerned with, however, Paul addresses all of the Colossians with these powerful statements about Jesus and expects them to grasp hold of them. Looking back at your Christian life, do you feel that Christianity was dumbed down in such a way that important truths were commonly skipped over? Explain why this might have happened, and how to remedy such a problem.

5. Read John 20:24-31. John says that we must believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be saved. Does he mean that we must believe that Jesus is the offspring of God, as in God the Father produced/created Him? Interpret this verse in light of John 1:1.
