

Mill Creek Community Church

Sermon Notes

Colossians 1:1-3:17

What is the one story that describes who you are?

August 10th, 2025



I. Who is Jesus Christ? (Colossians 1-2)

A. Christ is _____ and _____!

B. Application:

II. Who am I? (Colossians 3:1-4)

A. Past:

B. Present:

C. Future:

D. Application:

Text Connections

III. So what? How then shall we live? (Colossians 3:5-17)

A. Application #1 (v5-9):

B. Application #2 (v12-17):

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Sermon in a Sentence:

Colossians 1 & 2

Here's who Christ is, according to Colossians 1 & 2: the person and work of Christ

In Colossians 1, Christ is:

- Redeemer & Forgiver (Colossians 1:14): In Him we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins, in His kingdom
- The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15): He perfectly represents and reveals God, making the invisible God visible. He is not merely a reflection, but the very embodiment of God's character and essence.
- The Firstborn of All Creation (Colossians 1:15): This doesn't mean He was created, but rather signifies His preeminence, supreme authority, and rightful heirship over all creation. He existed before all things.
- The Creator of All Things (Colossians 1:16): All things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible (including all spiritual powers like thrones, dominions, rulers, and authorities), were created by Him and for Him.
- The Sustainer of All Things (Colossians 1:17): He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together and consist. He actively upholds the universe.
- The Head of the Body, the Church (Colossians 1:18): He is the authority and source of life for the church, His people.
- The Beginning, the Firstborn from the Dead (Colossians 1:18): He is the pioneer of the new creation, the first to rise from the dead, ensuring His preeminence in everything, especially in redemption.
- The One in Whom All the Fullness of God Dwells (Colossians 1:19): All the attributes and perfections of God reside in Him.
- The Reconciler of All Things (Colossians 1:20): Through His blood shed on the cross, He reconciles all things (both on earth and in heaven) to God, making peace.
- The One Who Presents Us Holy and Blameless (Colossians 1:21-22): Through His death, He has reconciled those who were alienated from God, presenting them holy, blameless, and irreproachable before Him. He has brought close and adopted those who were his enemies and far from him.

In Colossians 2, Christ is:

- The One in Whom Are Hidden All the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge (Colossians 2:3): This directly counters false philosophies and teachings, emphasizing that true wisdom and understanding are found only in Him.
- The One in Whom All the Fullness of Deity Dwells Bodily (Colossians 2:9): This reiterates and strengthens the statement from chapter 1, emphasizing His complete and embodied divinity. He is fully God in human form.
- The One in Whom Believers are Made Complete (Colossians 2:10): Because of His fullness, believers lack nothing when they are in Him. They are made full and whole through their union with Christ.
- The Head Over Every Rule and Authority (Colossians 2:10): He is superior to all spiritual powers and forces, disarming them through His cross. This directly addresses the Colossians' potential temptation to worship or fear angelic beings.
- The One Who Provides Spiritual Circumcision (Colossians 2:11-12): Through their union with Him in baptism, believers experience a spiritual "circumcision" – a putting off of the sinful nature – which is superior to the physical ritual.
- The One Who Made Us Alive with God and Forgave All Our Sins (Colossians 2:13-14): He paid the debt of sin, canceling the legal record that stood against humanity, by nailing it to the cross.
- The Victor Over Powers and Authorities (Colossians 2:15): He triumphed over evil spiritual forces through His cross, disarming them and making a public spectacle of them.