



GATEWAY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

“Who is Jesus?”

And why does it matter?

Colossians 1:15-18

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Who Rules the Universe? *Christ and the Cosmos*

How to see the Invisible

Jesus is the Image of God. Colossians 1:15

Hebrews 1:1-3

Jesus is the Creator. Colossians 1:16

God created through Jesus. How?

Jesus is the WORD of God. **John 1:1-5**

Notice in Genesis 1:1-5 God spoke

✓ Creation has ‘the fingerprint’ of an intelligent designer.

Psalms 19:1

Jesus even did some creating during his ministry in Galilee.

The Water into wine. Fed 5,000

Colossians 1:17

“*Firstborn*” does not = created.

- *Christ holds all creation or things together.* V17

Hebrews 1:3

Jesus is the Head of the Church. Colossians 1:18

V18 Supreme – Preeminent. This word is not used *anywhere else* in the New Testament. It means Christ has the most exalted *position* and *rank* in the universe. = Over all!

Philippians 2:9-11

⇒ Jesus is the best – let’s give Him our best.

Next Week: Colossians 1:19-24 *How Christ connects us to God*

Who is Jesus- The Supremacy of Christ

October's Memory Verse – *For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. Colossians 1:27 (NLT)*

Monday 9/26- Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Question: Why is the resurrection of Jesus so integral to the Christian faith?

Truth: *If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

Meditate: 1 Corinthians 15:17 – *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.*

Prayer: Father God, I'm so thankful that Jesus lives and that I too will be raised by you.

Action: Love God and share the hope of Christ with others.

Who I will share Christ with today:

Tuesday 9/27- Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Question: What is the last enemy to be destroyed by Jesus? Why do you think that is?

Truth: *The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Vs. 26*

Meditate: 1 Corinthians 15:22 – *For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.*

Prayer: Jesus, I will follow you. God has given you all authority in heaven and on earth.

Action: Live for Christ each and every day.

What God is telling me:

Wednesday 9/28- Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34

Question: If the dead are not raised by God, then what impact does that have on the meaning of life?

Truth: *If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."*

Meditate: 1 Corinthians 15:33- *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I will live my life with your purpose and hope.

Action: Let the joy of the Lord be my strength.

What God is telling me:

Thursday 9/29 Read John 20:24-31

Question: Who does Jesus describe as being blessed?

Truth: *Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Vs. 29*

Meditate: John 20:31- *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you live and my life is blessed trusting in you.

Action: Jesus answered, *"The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."* John 6:29

What God is telling me:

Friday 9/30- Read 1 Peter 4:7-11

Question: Why is learning to Love God and Love Others so crucial?

Truth: *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

Meditate: 1 Peter 4:10- *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Prayer: Lord God, may both my words and my service bring glory to your Name.

Action: Learn to Love God and Love Others.

Who will I love this week and invite to church:

Life Group Outline- Who is Jesus, Why does it matter?

Fellowship and Praises-

Take **20-30 minutes** to share what God has been doing in own lives this last week.

Bible verse memorization: *Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,* Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

Recite this verse by memory.

Bible Study Exercise: Read Colossians 1:15-18

Discuss how this statement in verse 18 relates to you- "*So he is first in everything.*"

What evidence do you see at Gateway, that Jesus is the head of our church?

When we serve in a ministry at church we are really serving our Lord Jesus Christ. We should serve Jesus with excellence. No one has reached perfection. So, how can you improve your service for Christ and become excellent in your service?

As the church we represent Jesus to our community. What can we as this Life Group do to help present Jesus' church with excellence to our community at Gateway's Harvest Carnival?

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Who could I invite to attend our Harvest Carnival?

Prayer Time-

Going Deeper: Read John 1:1-18

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. Vs. 16

Real Application: Jesus is first in everything.