

Sermon Notes

Sunday, 8th February 2026
Colossians 1.13-23

Central Question: What if everything you thought you knew about Jesus was *too small*?

WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR YOU (vv13-14)

Four foundational realities of your salvation:

Delivered: Rescued from the domain of darkness (v13a)

Transferred: Moved into the kingdom of God's Son (v13b)

Redeemed: Ransom paid that you could never afford (v14a)

Forgiven: Record of debt completely cancelled (v14b)

Reflection: Which of these four realities do you most need to remember this week?

WHO CHRIST IS (vv15-20)

Image of the Invisible God (v15a)

Want to know what God is like? Look at Jesus

"Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14.9)

Firstborn Over All Creation (v15b)

Not first created, but supreme in rank and authority

Title of honor, not birth order (see Psalm 89.27)

Creator of All Things (v16)

Through Him: All things created by His power

For Him: All things exist for His glory

Includes galaxies, DNA, angels, and authorities

Sustainer of All Things (v17)

Exists before all things

Holds all things together—from galaxies to your heartbeat

Reflection: If Christ holds galaxies together, can He hold together your current struggle?

Head of the Church (v18a-b)

Supreme authority over His body

The beginning and source of everything

Firstborn from the Dead (v18c)

Conquered death and pioneered resurrection

Preeminent in everything

Reflection: Is Jesus the head of your life, or just a consultant?

Fullness of God (v19)

100% of God dwells in Christ

Every divine attribute, perfection, and power

Reconciler Through Blood (v20)

Made peace by the blood of His cross

The cosmic Christ became the crucified Christ

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU (vv21-23)

Once: Alienated, hostile, doing evil (v21)

Now: Reconciled through Christ's death (v22a)

Future: Presented holy, blameless, above reproach (v22b)

Condition: Continue stable and steadfast in faith (v23)

CLOSING

This week, when Jesus feels small—when bills feel bigger, diagnosis feels louder, sin feels stronger—remember THIS Jesus: The One who bled for you holds galaxies together. The One who calls you by name created every atom. The One who forgives your sins is preeminent over ALL things.

That Jesus is enough.

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