

Discovery Group - Colossians

(3) *Jesus is All*

Accountability

Share how your obedience commitment from last week went, and who you shared with.

Bible: Colossians 1:15 - 2:5

Read *passage* aloud & someone retell in their own words

- What do we learn from this passage about God?
- What do we learn from this passage about people?

Read the *article* on the next page.

- Read 1:15-20 again slowly, pausing over each phrase. Which of the descriptions of Jesus stand out to you?
- Who are you because of Jesus, according to this passage? How does that effect you?
- How might it be a joy to suffer in the cause of Jesus? What might Jesus call you to sacrifice for His mission?

Commit

What is Jesus calling you to do in *obedience* this week?

Who can you *share* this with? Who can you reach out to in order to make disciples?

Abide: Read and meditate on the following passages this week:

- Spend time each morning meditating on 1:15-20
- Read 2:6-23 several times this week

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This passage has three movements. First, Paul directs our gaze to Jesus. In this, we get the feeling he is stretching the faculty of language to its uttermost. How to begin to describe the sheer awesomeness and grandeur and beauty of Jesus? The Spirit wants us to intentionally focus our thoughts on Jesus. Meditate on who He is. He is the agent of creation - and all of it is for Him. He is the image of the invisible God. You were created for Him. *In everything He might have the supremacy.* Does He in your life?

The second movement (1:20-23) is about us - or, more specifically, what Jesus has done for us. And this is just as breathtaking as the description of the majesty and power and greatness of Jesus above. There was a time when you were an enemy of God. You were alienated - estranged - from Him. And this was because of you, not because of God. But Jesus has taken away your evil behavior and its effects and made you right with God through His death. He died to reconcile you. *You are holy.* Because of Jesus. *You are without any blemish.* Because of Jesus. *Nobody can accuse you* of anything in the presence of a perfectly holy God. Because of Jesus' death. Not because you've been good, but because Jesus has borne in His own body all the wrong that you have done.

The third movement (1:24 - 2:5) points us outward, to the work of Jesus in the Church. Through the example of Paul, we see that Jesus is continuing that work which we saw in the second movement, and now He is partnering with us. His death accomplished all it intended to, but there are still many people who have not received the benefits of it. Because of who Jesus is (the first movement), and because of what He has done for us (the second movement), it is actually a joy to suffer greatly in the cause of spreading His message throughout the world. It is a joy to sacrifice and to lay aside our own comfort and security in order to see His great work of redemption expand to more people.

Gaze at Jesus. Meditate on who you are because of Him. And consider what He might be calling you to do to help others receive what you have in Him.