

A Study Guide to Colossians 1:15-20 (Session 3)

First Baptist Peddie Church

1. Pray for wisdom and understanding that come from the Holy Spirit.

2. Read Colossians 1:15-20 aloud slowly several times.

3. Observe

1. Mark any words or phrases that stand out.
2. Write down any questions that arise from the text.
3. In one column, write words or phrases that point to the divinity of Jesus Christ, and in another column, write those that point to His humanity.
4. What do you think are the distinctions among the different prepositions used in reference to Jesus Christ as the Creator (by Him, in Him, through Him, for Him)?

4. Watch the Video Lesson on YouTube

5. Interpret / Live out the Word

1. How can we learn from other religions, philosophies, and secular psychology, and at the same time, guard ourselves against syncretism?
2. What is your response to the revelation that you have been created “for Him” (1:16b)?
3. How do the latest scientific discoveries from the microscopic to the cosmic scales increase your appreciation for the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all creation?
4. Some people respect Jesus as a great moral teacher but would not accept His claim to be divine. How would you explain Jesus’ divinity to a skeptic?
5. For evangelism in our postmodern age, especially among young people, why is it important to start from God the Creator?
6. If you are created by Him, in Him, through Him, and for Him, what is the place of Jesus Christ in your life? What or who rules over your life?

6. Memorize (use your preferred translation)

(Colossians 1:16 NIV)

For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.