



Colossians 1: 14 – 23

This past week we have become more aware of our fuel levels in our cars and how important it is to have fuel in our tanks. This makes us aware that we have ‘tanks’ for living which need to be ‘filled’ in 5 dimensions (see graph below)



The letter to the Colossian believers in the first century is written by the apostle Paul to counter the false teaching –

JESUS + SOMETHING = FULLNESS

Paul clearly presents that all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Jesus and every believer is ‘Full’ in Him – See Colossians 2: 9, 10. It can be summed up as –

JESUS + NOTHING = FULLNESS

Today’s sermon will focus on “Jesus might come to have first place in everything” 1: 18 b. Why is Jesus worthy to have first place in the 5 dimensions of flourishing? (faith, relationships, wellness, vocation, finances). Let’s consider compelling reasons from today’s text Why Jesus is worthy of having 1st Place in ever dimension of your life –

1. – Jesus is our _____ & _____ . – See 1: 13 – 14



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2. – Jesus is our _____ & _____ of God. – See 1: 15 - 16

“Image of Invisible God” – speaks of Jesus being the exact representation & revelation of the invisible God.

“Firstborn over Creation” – speaks of Jesus place or status in creation as first in importance and rank. He is prior to all creation as eternal God.



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3. – Jesus is our _____ who is Eternal. – See 1: 17



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4. – Jesus is our Resurrected _____ over Death. – See 1: 18

“Beginning” – the one who originated a pathway of victory over death.

“Firstborn from the dead” – the first one to rise never to die again.



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5. – Jesus is our _____ to God & one another. – See 1: 19 – 23

“Reconcile” – to reunite or restore to friendship or harmony.



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‘WORKING THE WORD’ EXERCISES –

- **COMMIT TO MEMORY Colossians 1: 18b** *“that Jesus might have first place in everything.”* Pray that Jesus will have first place in areas of your life needing His Presence.
- **DISCUSS with a partner or group** – *“Why is Jesus worthy of having first place in everything in your life?”* Reflect on today’s text & the 5 reasons shared in the sermon.
- **REFLECT on the 5 Dimensions of human flourishing** : *Faith, Relationships, Wellness, Vocation & Finance*. **SHARE with family or group**: “Which of the dimensions are you experiencing the Fullness of Jesus as 1st Place?” (Celebrate with one another).
- **REFLECT on the 5 Dimensions of human flourishing**: *Faith, Relationships, Wellness, Vocation & Finances*. **SHARE with family or group**: “Which of the dimensions do you desire to experience the Fullness of Jesus as 1st Place?” (Pray for one another).
- **CONTINUE Reading the Bible daily** using [EPHESIANS EXPLAINED](#) (click [here](#)) & on May 21st begin [PHILLIPPIANS](#)