

## *Living It Out - Colossians - Lesson 3*



**Read Colossians 1:15-23**

### **Video Notes:**

### **Living It Out:**

1. **Christ is the very image of God (1:15)** – God became man through Jesus Christ. Christ reflects and reveals God as He possesses His nature and character.

**Hebrews 1:3** – “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”

**John 14:8-9** – (write out the truth in this passage) -

2. **Christ is the Creator (1:16)** – Jesus was not one of the created – He was the Creator! Christ existed before creation and possesses all the rights and privileges over everything that came thereafter. He alone is Supreme. He alone is God.

**Hebrews 1:1-2** – In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom He made the universe.”

**John 1:1-3** – (write out the truth in this passage)

As you consider this truth, here are some applications to guide you in living this out:

- As the creator of all things, you owe Him allegiance to worship Him.
- Since Christ created all things, he understands you and the needs you have better than you do.
- No power in the universe is superior to His. You can rest in Him.
- Since Christ is over all things, you can know that when you follow Him you are heading in the right direction.

3. **Christ is the beginning and the end, the sustainer of all things (1:17)** – He is the Alpha and Omega! His Lordship over creation is essential for every moment of every day. If He took His hands off us for even a millisecond, we would fall apart. He holds the entire Universe in His hands. He is the one who continues to grant life to our bodies. Our each and every breath is under His control.

**Revelation 1:8** – “I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**John 8:58** – (write out the truth in this passage)

As you consider this truth, here are some applications to guide you in living this out:

- Allow this truth that He is the Alpha, Omega and Sustainer sink into your mind and heart. This truth should humble you. We are not independent in the fullest sense! Without Him you can do nothing.
- Every day you live is a gift from God. Thank Him for it. Live to honor Him!

4. **Christ is the head of the church and the firstborn from the dead (1:18)** – Jesus Christ was raised from death, and His resurrection proves who He is and His Lordship over all things. He is the One who knows the way from death to life. There is not one above Him. No one more important than Him.

**1 Corinthians 15:20a** – “But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead”.

**Ephesians 1:22-23** – (write out the truth in this passage)

As you consider this truth, here are some applications to guide you in living this out:

- His death and resurrection is sufficient to pay for your sin. He is the ONLY way to eternal life! Are you relying on this truth or do you believe that there things that you need to do to earn your salvation?
- Spend time often thanking Him that He is your ONLY provision for salvation and that you don't have to do anything to merit it – it is a very precious free gift to you! Thank Him for His death and resurrection, and for the power that is now yours, through His living in you, to live a life that honors Him.
- As supreme, with no one above Him, He is to have first place in your thinking, your worship, your work, your family, your relationship with others, your use of time, your money, your ambitions, your dreams. Are there areas in your life that take first place before Him?

5. **Christ is Sufficient (1:19-20)** – Everything that was necessary for our redemption was accomplished through Christ's work on our behalf. There is nothing that needs to be added to His work. The sufficiency of Christ is not only in terms of our salvation, but in every area of our lives.

As you consider this truth, here are some applications to guide you in living this out:

- He is sufficient to give you strength for every circumstance that you face
- His Word is a sufficient guide for your life
- His wisdom is sufficient to overcome any confusion in your life
- He is sufficient to fill all the empty places in your life and satisfy your deepest longings
- He is sufficient to provide for all your needs
- His sacrifice on the cross was sufficient to pay for your sin
- He is sufficient to walk us through our final days and lead us home to be with Him

Read through these truths again. Prayerfully ask God this question this week:

“God, what heart attitudes and thoughts have I been carrying around that this passage of scripture needs to rearrange or redirect?”

Write out what steps you will take to be obedient to the truths of this passage.