

COLOSSIANS 2

1. How does the strong faith in Christ of other Christians affect us?

-It greatly encourages our own faith.

2. As Christians, what is a true sign that Christ lives in us?

-That we have love for others including those whom we have never met.

3. What is the best that we can do for others?

-Teach them the Word of God and pray for them.

4. If Christ has already finished the work which has earned God's favor, then what must we Christians do?

-We must work alongside of our God to teach others about Christ's finished work on the cross.

5. If we live our lives understanding that God has already rescued us from the kingdom of Satan, how will our lives be different?

-We will not be afraid of Satan or evil.

-We will completely trust God in the middle of the sin and evil here on this earth.

-This lesson teaches us that Jesus is God.

-It seems that there were false teachers in Colossae who were teaching that Jesus is not God.

-Even today, there are false teachers who are teaching that Jesus is not God.

-The Jehovah Witnesses teach that Jesus is not God.

-The Mormons also teach that Jesus is not God.

-There are many other religions that do not believe that Jesus is not God.

-If Jesus is not God, then we cannot be saved from death because only God Himself is more powerful than death.

Let's read Colossians 1:15

15-The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

-When you look into a mirror, you see your image.

-When you look at the Lord Jesus, you see God.

-Just as God the Father is God, the Lord Jesus is also God.

-Is there a difference between God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?

-No.

-God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one and the same.

-It is only their work which is different.

-The Lord Jesus entered the flesh, and became a man so that God could die for us and save us.

-Does “firstborn” mean that the Lord Jesus was created?

-No.

-All of the Bible testifies that Jesus is God, and was therefore, not created.

-What does it mean that the Lord Jesus is “firstborn” over all creation?

-It means that the Lord Jesus is before everyone and everything in time.

-It also means that the Lord Jesus is greater than everyone and everything which lives.

Let's read Colossians 1:16

16-For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

-This verse is very clear, telling us that all things in heaven and on earth were created by Christ.

-Only God who is the Lord Jesus Christ is able to create the heavens and the earth.

-What are the “thrones or power or rulers or authorities”?

-These are the orders of angels which the Lord Jesus also created.

-Did Christ create demons?

-No.

-The Lord Jesus only created angels, and some of these angels disobeyed God and became demons.

-Colossians 1:16 also teaches us that all things have been created for Him.

-This means that the heavens, the earth, the angels, and all people are created for God.

-People are not created for themselves, but rather are created for God.

Let's read Colossians 1:17

17-He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

-When we read that the Lord Jesus is “before all things,” this helps us to understand the meaning of “firstborn.”

-What does it mean that in Christ “all things hold together”?

-It means that Christ is the king and chief and ruler and Lord and God of all of life.

-All of this world is held together by the Lord Jesus.

-All people are held together by the Lord Jesus.

-All of the spirits are held together by the Lord Jesus.

-All of life is held together the Lord Jesus.

-There is nothing in eternity that the Lord Jesus does not oversee.

-There is nothing in eternity that the Lord Jesus does not control.

Let's read Colossians 1:18

18-And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

-The Lord Jesus is also the head of the Church.

-The Church does not belong to people.

-The Church belongs to the Lord Jesus.

-What does it mean that Christ is the firstborn from

among the dead?

-It means that the Lord Jesus has conquered death.

-The Lord Jesus is the beginning of a new people, the first to rise from the dead, never to die again.

Let's read Colossians 1:19-20

19-For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

20-and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

-This is another verse that teaches us that Christ is God, for the fullness of the Father also lives in Christ.

-God the Father was pleased, is pleased, and will continue to be pleased to have His fullness in Christ.

-God the Father is also pleased to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

-What does “reconcile” mean?

-To reconcile means to bring back together that which was separated by sin.

-It is God through Christ who brings back together to

Himself people and creation who have been separated because of sin

-Does “all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven” mean that all people and Satan and his demons will be saved?

-No.

-Can the Word of God contradict or disagree with itself?

-No.

-The Word of God cannot disagree with itself.

-From the Word of God, we know that Satan and his demons and all who do not believe in God will be thrown into the Lake of Eternal Fire.

-“All things, whether things on earth or things in heaven” means that all of creation as well as all who believe in Christ will be reconciled to God.

Let’s read Colossians 1:21-22

21-Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

22-But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

-Because of sin, we were enemies of God, but God has reconciled us or brought us back together with Himself.

-Because of the Lord Jesus, we will be completely holy with no more sin.

-Because of the Lord Jesus, we will be completely pure like God Himself.

-Because of the Lord Jesus, no one will be able to accuse us of any wrong or hate or sin or evil.

Let’s read Colossians 1:23

23-If you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

-Does this verse mean that we can lose our salvation?

-No.

-As we have already learned, there is nothing more powerful than the blood of Christ to save us.

-And as we have already learned, if the blood of Christ has saved us, then Satan and nothing else can take us out of the hands of God.

-Paul and God through Paul are simply encouraging all of us to remain true to the truths of God.