

Message Notes

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Why Church?
 To Lift Up Jesus and the Gospel (Col. 1:15-22)
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Promises of Jesus:

The Church:

- ◆ Church = ekklesia = _____.
- ◆ God's people gather to lift up the _____ of Jesus & His _____.

Jesus:

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Jesus 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 Jesus and for Jesus. Col. 1:15-16

- 1 Jesus is _____. Gen. 1; Jn. 1, 10:30, 14:9; Acts 5:3-4; Phil. 1:2; Heb. 1:3
- 2 Jesus is the _____. Gen. 1-2; Jn. 1:3; Rom. 1:20; Heb. 1:2
- 3 Jesus is the _____ of all things. Is 41:10; 1 Cor 8:6; Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3
- 4 Jesus is the _____ of the Church. Eph. 1:22-23, 5:23; Col. 1:18
- 5 Jesus reigns over _____. Rom. 6:5-10; 1 Cor. 15:54-55; Col. 1:18; 2 Tim. 1:8-10
- 6 Jesus deserves the _____ over all things. Col. 1:18
- 7 Jesus is the _____ = end of _____.
 Jn. 1:12-13, 3:3-6, 3:16-18, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom. 6:23; Col. 1:19-20

The Gospel

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. Col. 1:22

- ◆ We are now reconciled, holy, without blemish and free from accusation. We are given a new _____. Rom. 5:10; 2 Cor. 5:18-21; Eph. 1:3-10
- ◆ Gospel = _____ of good news.
- ◆ Every gospel has a _____, a _____ and a _____.
- ◆ What _____ am I believing?

Salvation/Reconciliation/New Life.

John 1:12-13, 5:24, 14:6, 8:12, 11:25, 3:16; Rom. 8:1, 37, 10:9-10; 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Pet. 1:3-4; 1 Jn. 1:9

Holy Spirit. John 14:15-17

Peace.

Ps. 29:11; Is. 9:6, 26:3; John 14:27, 16:33; Rom. 5:1; Gal. 5:22-23; Phil. 4:6-7

Power for daily living. Eph. 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 1:3

Never separated from the love of God. Rom 8:35-39

We are not alone/He is with us.

Dt. 31:8; Joshua 1:9; Is. 43:2; Psalm 23, 27:10; Mt. 28:20

Provision. Mt. 6:31-33; 2 Cor. 9:8; Phil 4:19

Cares for us/Comforts us. Nah. 1:7; 2 Cor. 1:4-5

Strength for the weary. Is. 40:29, 41:10; Mt. 11:28-30; 2 Cor. 12:9-10