

Jesus Your Leader (Colossians 1:15-23)

Jesus Your Everything – Part 2
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Romans 10:9 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 14:23 (NIV) Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

1. Jesus is Lord of _____

A. Jesus is _____

Colossians 1:15 (NIV) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

B. Jesus _____ all

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.

C. Jesus _____ all

Colossians 1:17 (NIV) He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

2. Jesus is Lord of _____

A. Jesus leads the _____

Colossians 1:18 (NIV) 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.

B. Jesus is _____ God

Colossians 1:19 (NIV) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

C. Jesus offers salvation to _____

Colossians 1:20 (NIV) 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.

3. Jesus is _____ Lord

A. You were once Jesus' _____

Colossians 1:21 (NIV) Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

B. Jesus offers _____ to you

Colossians 1:22 (NIV) 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—

C. _____ faith saves you

Colossians 1:23 (NIV) if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved 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.

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Intro. What various answers to the question “Who is Jesus?” would you expect to hear from others you know?

What does it mean to confess “Jesus is Lord” in order to be saved (Romans 10:9)?

As a person is saved by faith, not good works, explain the importance of obedience to Jesus according to John 14:23.

1A. Why is it essential to believe that Jesus is God (Colossians 1:15)?

1B. What role did Jesus play in creation (Colossians 1:16)?

1C. What does Colossians 1:17 tell us about the sovereignty of Jesus?

1D. How would you respond to a Mormon who tells you that Jesus is a created spirit being, just like Lucifer?

2A. As head of the church, how does Jesus lead His church (Colossians 1:18)?

2B. What insight into God does that fact that Jesus is fully God provide (Colossians 1:19)?

2C. What does it mean that God reconciles all things to himself through Jesus (Colossians 1:20)?

2D. What would you say to someone who says that people can be saved in hell or purged of their sins in purgatory?

3A. In what ways were you once an enemy of Jesus (Colossians 1:21)?

3B. How would you explain to someone that Jesus has made you holy (Colossians 1:22)?

3C. What does the conditional phrase “if you continue in your faith” in Colossians 1:23 mean?

3D. How would you explain to an unbeliever that Jesus is your Lord (leader)?