

Colossians 01.15-17 Teaching Card

Jesus is Our Creator, God

Jesus is the Image of the Invisible God (Verse 15)

What is God like? → Jesus

(John 14.6-11)

This is Good News: The Father is known to us IN the Son

The Father Loves Sinners (Romans 8.32)

Jesus is Merciful = Father is Merciful
(John 8; Matthew 23 and Luke 19)

Jesus is All Powerful = Father is All Powerful
(Luke 8, 17; Mark 5)

Jesus is the key to understanding the Father

Jesus is the Gospel! (Colossians 1.13)

Danger: We get sidetracked!

Jesus is to be the focus of our lives – our worship

The Father Cannot Be Seen – Jesus shows us who God the Father is (The Incarnation; cf. verse 19)

Ability to See Jesus as God comes by New Birth:
2 Corinthians 4.3-6

We are created in the Image of God

Jesus is the image of God in the strictest sense:
(John 1.1, 18; cf. Hebrews 1.1-3)

Jesus is Lord of All Creation (Verses 15-17)

Firstborn of All Creation: Not created, but Creator;
Preeminent Over All Things

Appx. A.D. 300 – The Heretic, Arius “There was a time when Jesus was Not.” (Also Jehovah’s Witnesses)

All things were created by Him, through Him, made and unmade (John 1.2-3)

Example: Psalm 89.27 – King David = Firstborn of Kings = Over All Kings (Same with Verse 15)

Verse 16 = Explanation and Support of this Statement

Jesus Created Everything on Earth and Visible:

Human Sin Perverts and Corrupts Old Creation

Jesus Created Everything in Heaven and Invisible:

Thrones, Rulers, Dominions, Authorities? Demonic Powers (See Colossians 2.15)

Jesus made them – Jesus did not create evil

Why? To serve His purposes and magnify His grace in Redemptive History

We Exist For Jesus: Not Popular in Our Culture

We think God exists for us (Other way around)

Jesus Sustains All Things: Without His sustaining hand, we would cease to exist