



# Transformed: God at Hand

*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 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- 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. Col 1:21-23*

## LIVING THE GOOD NEWS: RESPONDING WISELY TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST Colossians 1:15-20 - Part 1

- Colossians 1: 15-*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*  
16-*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.*  
17-*He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*  
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.*  
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.*

Jesus is God's perfect reflection:

Colossians 1: 15-*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

Additional verses:

- John 1:14- *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*  
John 1:18- *No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.*  
John 6:46- *No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.*

So:

Jesus is the power behind creation:

16-*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.*

Additional verses:

- John 1:1-3- *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*  
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.*

So:

Jesus is eternal and ever-present:

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

Additional verses:

- John 8:58- *"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"*  
John 17:5- *"And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began..."*  
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."*

So: