

April 20-21, 2024

Title: Colossians: Union with Christ and His Church, Pt 2: “Making the Invisible God Visible” – Colossians 1:15-23

Big Idea: Make the invisible God visible by SEEING and SHOWING Jesus.

Read Colossians 1:15-23.

What in the message stood out to you?

What questions do you have?

1. Make the invisible God visible by SEEING Jesus in CREATION – Colossians 1:15-17

Read Colossians 1:15-17. What do you think it means that Jesus is “the image of the invisible God?”

Other than God, what are some things you believe in that you can’t see? Why do you believe in them?

Pastor Greg shared this quote from Sam Storms: “Jesus is the ARCHITECT, the ARTISAN, and the AIM of all creation!” As the architect, He is the designer. As the artisan, He is the maker. As the aim, He is the goal. What are some specific things that His creation reveals to us about Him?

Do you have a favorite place to see the glory of Jesus in creation? What is so special about it to you? What do you see about Him there?

Read John 17:26. What does this verse reveal about the aim of Jesus in all He does?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:4. Why do people struggle to see the glory of Jesus? What does this look like in everyday life?

2. Make the invisible God visible by SEEING Jesus in the redemption of His CHURCH – Colossians 1:18-20.

Read Colossians 1:18-20. What was God solution to the blindness of people? How does He reconcile them to Himself?

What do you think it means in verse 19: “In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”?

How does the cross reconcile us to God and make peace with Him? Is there any other way? Why or why not?

3. Make the invisible God visible by SHOWING Jesus in your LIFE – Colossians 1:21-23

Read Colossians 1:21-23. What does it mean to be alienated from God? In what ways are unbelievers “hostile in mind” toward God?

Based on verse 22, what does it mean to be reconciled to God?

Based on verse 23, what is the evidence that you have been reconciled to God? What does this look like in everyday life?

Read 1 John 4:12. Based on this verse, how do we make the invisible God visible to others? What are some practical ways to do this at home, at work, at school, in the world?

“Next Steps” Takeaways – Discuss and pray through the following:

- With God:
 - Spend time this week seeing Jesus in the people and things He has created. Notice what His creation reveals about His character and love and respond right then in worshipful prayer.
 - If you are a woman, attend the Women’s Worship Night on Thursday night.
- With Others:
 - With your family or with some friends, practice memorizing and reciting Colossians 1:15-20 to one another this week, adding one verse each day so you are able to recite the whole passage by the end of the week.
 - Share and discuss your thoughts about each new verse as you recite it together each day.
- On Mission:
 - Attend and invite others to attend the Reasons to Believe Apologetics Conference on 5/3-5/4.