

TAKEAWAY

JESUS AS THE INVISIBLE GOD

Sunday 6th January 2019

INTRODUCTION

Colossians 1:15-23 is one of the richest texts in the New Testament in describing the nature and supremacy of Christ. The issue for us, as ever, is how to talk about the text so that we don't just increase our knowledge of Jesus, but also deepen our experience of Him. On Sunday, Andy spoke about our Western culture indoctrinating us with the idea of the sovereign self – that we are in charge of our lives, and our personal trinity of our wants, needs and feelings dictates how we live. In this text we have to face a Jesus who refuses to accommodate to our plans and reminds us that the question is not how He fits into our lives but how we fit into His.

READ

Colossians 1:15-23

DISCUSS

1. Make a list of the statements about Jesus in the text. Which one stands out to you most? Why?
2. What is your overall impression of Jesus from this passage?
3. How many times does the word All appear in this text? What is the effect of this repeating word?
4. In verse 15, what can we learn about the character of God from Jesus?
5. Verses 16 and 17 describe Jesus's role in the creation of the world at the beginning

and today. What does this teach us about God's relationship with the world?

6. What does verse 19 say about who Jesus is? How would you explain this verse to someone who has questions about Jesus's identity?

READ

Ephesians 1:22-23

Romans 6:9

DISCUSS

7. What does it mean that Jesus is the head of the church? (Eph 1:22,23) How did he become the head? (18b; 1Co 15:20-22; Ro6:9) How does the Headship of Christ influence the strategy and methodology of

our church?

8. Others were raised from the dead before Jesus. In what way is Jesus the "firstborn from the dead"?

9. Notice the three descriptive phrases Paul makes of us before the Son reconciles us...

- Alienated
- Hostile in mind
- Doing evil deeds

Match those with his description of those who are reconciled. He will present us...

- Holy
- Blameless
- Above reproach

How do those descriptions make you feel?

