



A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!



It's All About Jesus

Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.

-Colossians 1:15-20

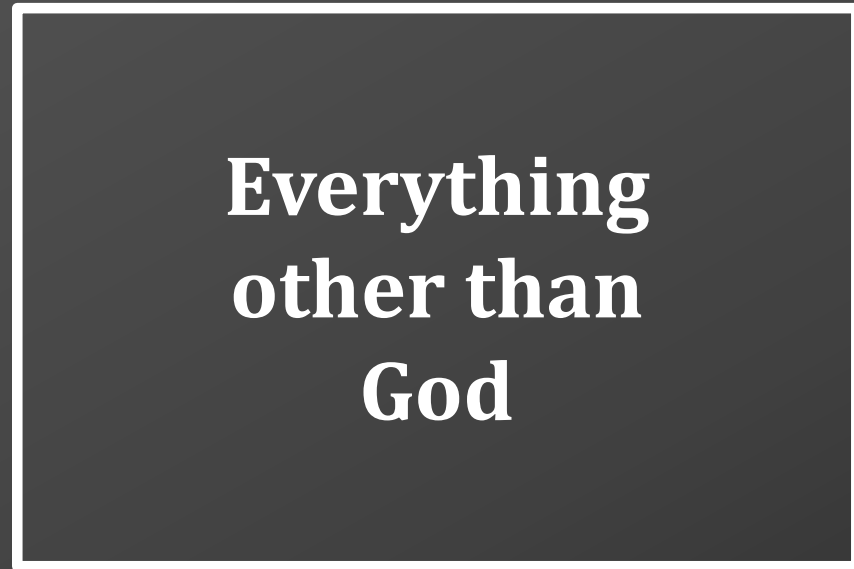


The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
The Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and
earth,
Of all things visible and
invisible
And in one Lord Jesus
Christ,
The only Son of God,
Begotten from the
Father before all ages
God from God,
Light from Light,
True God from true
God,
Begotten, not made;
Of the same essence as
the Father...*

Uncreated things

Created things



Jesus?

“There is not a square in in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, ‘Mine!’”

-Abraham Kuyper

And you, who were once alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

-Colossians 1:21-23

**Faith: *belief to the extent of
complete trust and reliance.***

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For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

-Romans 12:4-8

- 1. Many Christians and church members do not befriend and spend time with lost persons.*
- 2. Our churches have an ineffective evangelistic strategy of “you come” rather than “we go.”*
- 3. Church membership today is more about getting my needs met than reaching the lost.*

-Thom S. Rainer, Fifteen Reasons Our Churches Are Less Evangelistic Today, www.thomrainer.com, Feb. 2015

