

Pictures Paul Paints of Jesus

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Introduction

1. Colossians 1:15-19
2. The word “image” means Likeness, statue, profile, presentation, resemblance
3. The word is used in Luke 20:24; Revelation 15:2, 16:2
4. This word is a contradistinction from a rough sketch or outline this is the being and perfections that are fully and accurately represented by Christ.
5. Let us look then at the perfect picture of Christ

II Discussion

1. The Person of Christ verse 15
 - a. He is ever present, Vs 15 (who is) vs 17 and 18 (he is) John 8:58; Exodus 3:14; John 1:1-3
 - b. If we have seen Jesus we have seen the Father John 14:8-9
 - c. We cannot make God into an idol Acts 17:23-25
2. The Power of Christ verses 15-17
 - a. He is the source of creation John 1:1-3; Hebrews 1:2-3
 - b. He is not a created being
 - c. He is supreme over creation, the first born His supremacy Hebrews 12:1-2; Hebrews 5:8-9
 - d. He also sustains creation Hebrews 1:3
3. The Position of Christ verses 18-19
 - a. Since the above is true His position is one of highest honor
 - b. He has all authority Matthew 28:18; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:22
 - c. The Father has placed Him there with His approval Vs 19
 - d. As Head of the church, He is our High Priest Hebrews 3:1
4. The Passion of Christ verse 20
 - a. The price paid for us Colossians 1:14; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - b. The purpose is to reconcile all 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Isaiah 59:1-2
 - c. The peace that comes Philippians 4:7; Romans 5:1

III Conclusion

1. Do you see this picture of Christ?
2. Let it call you to action
3. Appropriate the blood of Christ this very day
4. Continue to use the blood of Christ 1 John 1:7

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