**Keeping First Things First**
**Week Six: He Is!**

Sunday, May 21, 2023

**Series Verse**

*"See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."*

Colossians 2:8 (NIV)

**1. Jesus is the God we _____.**

*"He is the image of the invisible God…"*

Colossians 1:15a (NIV)

*"For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body."*

Colossians 2:9 (NLT)

*"Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father."*

Jn 14:9b (NIV)

*"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*

John 4:24 (NIV)

**2. Jesus is in charge of the _____.**

*"…the firstborn over all creation."*

Colossians 1:15b (NIV)

*"I will also appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth."*

Psalm 89:27 (NIV)

*"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."*

Colossians 1:16 (NIV)

**3. Jesus is _____.**

*"He is before all things."*

Colossians 1:17a (NIV)

**4. Jesus is the _____.**

*"…and in Him all things hold together."*

Colossians 1:17 (NIV)

**5. Jesus is the church _____.**

*"And he is the head of the body, the church…"*

Colossians 1:18a (NIV)

**6. Jesus is the proof of _____.**

*"He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."*

Colossians 1:18b (NIV)

**7. Jesus is the _____.**

*"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."*

Colossians 1:19–20 (NIV)

   **A. A_____.**

*"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. [22] 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…"*

Colossians 1:21–22 (NIV)

   **B. A_____.**

*"…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."*

Colossians 1:23 (NIV)

**Is He?** _____

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