



The Greatest Rescue Mission of All Time!

Colossians 1:1-23

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I. *What has Jesus accomplished for those who believe in Him? (v. 12-13)*

A. What was the dangerous condition in which we were born? We were separated from God, lost, blind, without hope, steeped in sin from conception. We were, in fact, God's enemies. (v.21, Rom 5:10; Eph 2:1; Jn 3:36)

B. A religious person sees himself as a good person. (Isa 64:6; Luke 5:29-31; Rom 3:11-12)

C. When a man calls out for help, God rescues him from the dominion of darkness and brings him into the kingdom of His Son.

D. The moment a man places his trust in Jesus and in his death on the cross; all of his sins are forgiven. (Ps 103:11; Heb 8:12)

E. Jesus is the only One who is able to rescue us.

. How was Jesus able to accomplish this? The simple answer is because of Who He is. Who is Jesus? (v.15-20)

A. Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Jn 1:18; Heb 1:3; Jn 1:14)

B. Jesus is the firstborn over all creation.

C. Jesus is the Creator. (Jn 1:3)

D. Jesus holds everything together.

E. Jesus is the Head of the Church.

F. Jesus is the firstborn from among the dead. (I Cor 15:51-53)

G. Jesus is the only One by and through whom man can be reconciled to God. (Heb 9:22; Isa 53:5)