

- God reveals His method for our reconciliation in verse 20b: “having made peace through the blood of His cross.” That is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:19, 21
- To present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation.” (v.21)

God takes great joy in our reconciliation. His Son endured the cross *“for the joy set before Him” (Hebrews 12:2).*

### **Sacrificial Service for Christ (1:24-29)**

“And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance” (Romans 5:3);

“but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when his glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy” (1 Peter 4:13)

“So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name” (Acts 5:41)

“I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

“But speaking the truth in love, my grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ” (Ephesians 4:15)

### **Digging In**

- 1) In what area of your life do you need to give Jesus ultimate preeminence?
- 2) What is an area where you can offer sacrificial service to the Lord? Church? Community?

## **What’s Happening at Friends**

### **Student Ministry Kickoff**

**Wednesday, September 6th // 6-7:30 PM**

If you have a student in 6th-12th grade then we would love to have them join us on Wednesday nights, beginning September 6th, for our student ministry gatherings! Dinner is provided.

### **One Homeless Night**

**Saturday, September 9th // 7 PM-10 AM // The Door**

This is an enriching and fun experience for groups, families, and individuals of all ages! Come sleep rough (cardboard boxes and sleeping bags) or stay as long as you can! For more information visit [www.fairbanksyouthadvocates.org/sleepout](http://www.fairbanksyouthadvocates.org/sleepout) and register online at [fyaohn.myevent.com](http://fyaohn.myevent.com). Our youth director, Joe Bob Howard, will be attending with any youth/families that would like to participate!

### **Class 301: Futures with Friends**

**Sunday, September 10th // 12:45 PM**

This class is for church members to learn how to better grow in their faith and walk passionately with Jesus. Sign up online at [www.friendschurch.org/membership](http://www.friendschurch.org/membership). Lunch and childcare are provided.

### **Beth Moore Simulcast**

**Saturday, September 16th // 9:30 AM-4:15 PM // \$20**

Sign ups are now live online! Lunch is included. Visit [www.friendschurch.org/women](http://www.friendschurch.org/women) to sign up!

### **Baby Dedication**

**Sunday, September 17th**

If you're interested in getting your little one(s) dedicated at either the 9 AM or 11 AM service on Sunday, September 17th; please check the box on your communication card or visit [www.friendschurch.org](http://www.friendschurch.org) to sign up!

### **Trunk or Treat Volunteers**

We are currently looking for volunteers to decorate the trunks of their vehicles and hand out candy for our trunk or treat event this year! If you would like more information, please email Tanya at [tbourne@friendschurch.org](mailto:tbourne@friendschurch.org). We are also in need of candy donations and will be collecting those at Kids Church check in on Sundays and in the main office during the week!



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# The Supremacy of the Person of Christ

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He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Paul covers three thoughts about Jesus in these four verses:

His relation to God (Colossians 1:15)

**No one has seen God at any time. God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known. John 1:18**  
**The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being. Hebrews 1:3**

His relation to Creation (Colossians 1:16-17)

**Christ is superior in creation because He is the sustainer: "He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (v.17)**  
**All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:3**  
**The perfect tense in the Greek tell us that he continues even now to hold all things together and without Him things would disintegrate.**

His relation to the Church (Colossians 1:18)

- **"And He is the head of the body, the church." (v.18a)**
- **"The firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have preeminence" (v18b)**

## Reconciled in Christ (Colossians 1:19-23)

**For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled, in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.**

- For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. Colossians 2:9
- And that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. Ephesians 2:16
- For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Romans 5:10



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