

**Colossians 1:15-20**

Hymn of Christ's Supremacy  
Over The Powers

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
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**Jesus Has Rescued Us!**

Colossians 1:12b-14 who (Father) has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of **His beloved Son**, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- ❖ Inheritance of the saints: Gen. 13:14-17, Num. 26: 52-56
- ❖ Rescued from domain of darkness: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 4:3-4
- ❖ Redemption: Purchasing back what was lost
- ❖ Forgiveness of sins: Propitiation/Expiation

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
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**Let Us Walk Worthily!**

- ❖ Paul prayed that the Colossians would walk in a worthy manner of the Lord who redeemed them. He also prayed that God would enable this to happen!
- ❖ Compatibilism: "Grant what thou commands, and command what thou wills" (Augustine).

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
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 Vs. 13 Kingdom of His **Beloved Son**  
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 "Who is" Vs. 15 Image of God/First born  
 Vs.16 Because: Created all  
 Vs. 17 And: Preexistent /Sustainer "He Is"  
 Vs. 18 And: Head/ Firstborn From Dead "He Is"  
 Vs.19 Because: Fullness  
 Vs. 20 Jesus Reconciled All Things

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
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**The Invisible God Is Revealed!**  
Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of (over) all creation.  
 1. Image: Gen. 1:26, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 11:18, Hos. 13:2  
 2. Firstborn: Ex. 4:22 - read Esau/Jacob Genesis 25:23-34  
Psalm 89:27-29 "I also shall make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. My *lovingkindness* I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall be confirmed to him. So I will establish his **descendants forever** and his throne as the days of heaven."

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
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**Jesus Created Everything**  
Colossians 1:16 For **by** Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created **through** Him and **for** Him.

	Lk. 1:26
<u>Agency In The N.T. (Daniel Wallace)</u>	↙
Ultimate Agent	upo, apo, para (by, from)
Intermediate	dia (through, by)
Impersonal Means	en + dative (by, with)
	↘ Heb 9:22

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
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 **Jesus Sustains All Things**  
Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

1. Before all things: John 8:58 (Yahweh)
  - Arius (there was a time when he was not)
  - Logically necessary: Law of Causality
2. Hold together: There is no such force as chance!

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
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 **Jesus: Firstborn From The Dead**  
Colossians 1:18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, **so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.**

- ❖ Head of the body: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-27
- ❖ Beginning/firstborn = Creator/Savior
- ❖ Firstborn from the dead = Preeminent

1. Jesus the first to have a glorified body!
2. Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits

**ONE DAY THE WHOLE HARVEST COMES!**

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
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 **The Fullness Of Deity Dwells In Jesus**  
Colossians 1:19 **Because** in Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell. (Personal translation)  
 Because: The reason for Christ's primacy given  
 Fullness: 1:19, 24, 25; 2:2,3,9,10; 4:12, 17

The false teachers at Colossae taught that Christians needed "more" help than Christ could give. (Invocation of angels for protection)  
 Dwell: Genesis 9:27; Psalm 2:4  
 The Son is the God Who Dwells In Heaven!

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**Jesus Reconciled All Things**

Colossians 1:20 and through Him to reconcile **all things** to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him. I say, whether things on the earth or things in heaven.

- ❖ Reconcile: apokatalasso- to bring back to harmony.
- ❖ Romans 8:22 -read
- ❖ all things: vs.16 all things created/ vs. 20 all things reconciled
- ❖ Reconciliation: Now- by faith/ Later – by force

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Blood: symbolic of Christ's substitutionary death

Propitiation

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God Centered



Expiation

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Man Centered

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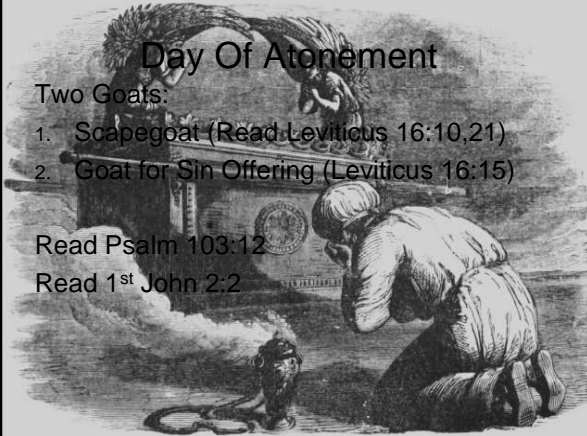
**Day Of Atonement**

Two Goats:

1. Scapegoat (Read Leviticus 16:10,21)
2. Goat for Sin Offering (Leviticus 16:15)

Read Psalm 103:12

Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:2




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## All We Need Is Jesus

Jesus stands high above the angelic realm in that He both created all things and reconciled all things that have been cursed by the effects of sin. The Colossians needed no other Savior – neither do we.

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