

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Streams of Living Water

Colossians 1:15-23 (NIV)

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ 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.

²¹ 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— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move 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.

NOTES:

Jesus Revealed In Colossians 1

- Jesus is our perfect example and the interpretive key to the invisible God, through Him, we see and understand the God we cannot see. Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3
- All things..visible and invisible...were created in, through, and for Jesus; He is the continuous Creator, actively sustaining all life. Colossians 1:16–17; John 1:3
- Jesus is not only Creator but Sustainer, holding all things together right now, including our lives. Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3
- Jesus is the head of the Church, the living body we belong to, the source of our life and purpose. Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:10 & 1:22–23
- Jesus is the New Adam, the firstborn from the dead, the pioneer of resurrection life, succeeding where the first Adam failed and bringing new, eternal life to us all. Colossians 1:18; Romans 5:12–21; 1 Corinthians 15:20

Discovering the Extraordinary in the Ordinary

"The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the Blessed Sacrament."

-Brother Lawrence

"The crucible of our formation is in the anonymous monotony of our daily routines." -Tish Warren

Restory

"To bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ."

— Ephesians 1:10 (NIV)

Anakephalaiōsasthai (18 letters)

- (ana): again, up, or back (kephalē): head (-oō):to make or cause
Collective meaning : "to sum up," "to bring together under one head," or "to recapitulate." Showing God's purposeful act of **restorying** all things in Christ.