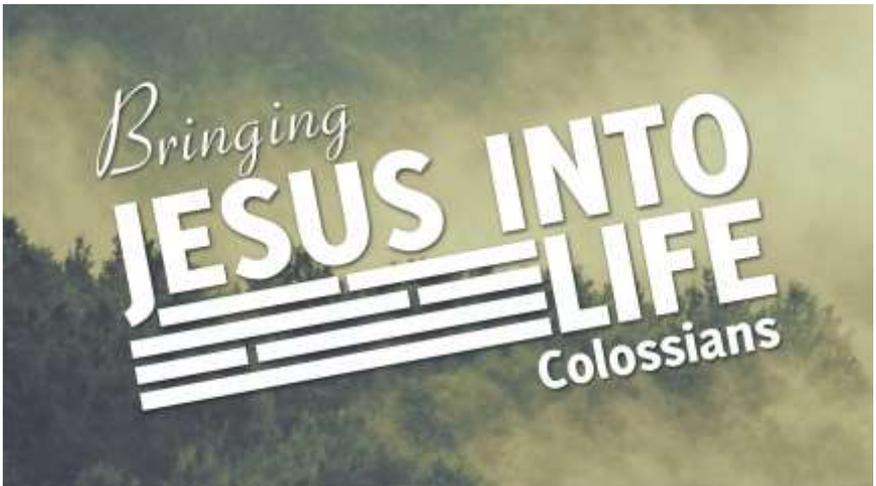


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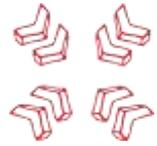


Colossians 1:15-23
For Individuals and Life Groups
January 22, 2017

Introduction:

At the writing of this letter the church in Colossae is still very young and is being threatened by a twisted form of false teaching. Ideas were being introduced into the church, influencing the believers with the idea that Jesus wasn't enough. If the Christians wanted to truly be "spiritual" they needed to behave certain ways and celebrate certain festivals that had nothing to do with following Jesus. Paul wrote to these believers to encourage them in their faith and to stay true to Jesus without adding practices and ideas to distract from what Christ did for them.

Into the scriptures



Read: Colossians 1:15-23

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

The word translated as all, everything (v.18) and every (v.23), appears nine times in this passage. What is each "all" speaking to? What authority does Jesus have (See Hebrews 1:1-13 and John 1:18)?

What do you learn about God in this passage?

What do you learn about Jesus?

What do you learn about humanity?

In verses 12-14, what has Jesus accomplished for us?



Into my life



How would you respond to the claim some religions make that Jesus Christ is only a created being? Why is a comment like this so damaging to the truth found in the Bible regarding Jesus?

In what ways does Paul establish the deity and humanity of Jesus in this passage? What happens if you deny one or the other?

From this passage it is clear that Jesus claims authority over everything. What things in your life have you yet to surrender to him (be specific)? What steps do you take to surrender those areas of your life that you still hang on to?

How will I be different this week because of what I've just read?



Into the world



This week spend time praying for our world and our church using the prayer guide provided at <http://www.mennonitebrethren.ca/>.



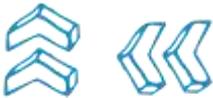
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Challenge for the week:



More Resources for personal and group use:



A little about Westwood Church...



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By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



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GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world