

# LIVING *changed* LIVES

Message 3  
Jesus First  
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## Outline

► Today's message is based on Colossians 1:15-23.

*Christ is also the head of the church, which is His body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So He is first in everything.*

Colossians 1:18 (NLT)

## Why put Jesus first?

Because Jesus is the God who:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ everything.  
(Colossians 1:15-17. C/R: Matthew 6:33; John 1:3; 5:19; 8:58; Hebrews 1:2-3)

Ask Jesus: What \_\_\_\_\_ are you doing?

2. \_\_\_\_\_ everything back to Himself.  
(Colossians 1:18-20. C/R: Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

Ask Jesus: What is your \_\_\_\_\_ for me?

3. Includes \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Colossians 1:21-23. C/R: John 1:12; Hebrews 12:2)

Ask Jesus: What do you want me to \_\_\_\_\_?

**Answers:** 1. Created, work 2. Reconciled, prayer 3. me, know

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), [bible.com](http://bible.com), [youversion.com](http://youversion.com) and [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org).

### Conversation Starter

What characteristic(s) would you prefer to see in a leader?

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Colossians 1:15-23](#).

1. What characteristics does Paul use to describe Jesus in [verses 15-20](#)?
2. How would you describe the relationship of Christ to God the Father based on these characteristics?
3. What one word or phrase is most significant to you in this description of Jesus Christ?
4. What is the role of Jesus in creation?
5. What is the role of Jesus in your reconciliation with God?
6. How would you summarize the point Paul is making in this description of Jesus?
7. How would you describe yourself when you were an *enemy of God*? ([vs. 21](#))

8. How does it make you feel to know Jesus died for you and presents you to God as holy and without fault? ([vs. 22](#))
9. What practice can you do this week to continue to remember the significance of Jesus' death for you?
10. What benefit do you experience when you acknowledge that Jesus is first in your life?

### Soul Training

Seek Jesus first by starting your day with one of the questions on the outline like *Jesus, what do you want me to know today?* Be silent for at least one minute and listen for the thoughts that come to your mind.

### Memory Verse

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### Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Colossians 1:13-23](#)      Day 4: [John 5:17-24](#)  
Day 2: [Hebrews 1:1-14](#)      Day 5: [Romans 8:26-34](#)  
Day 3: [John 1:1-18](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 1, we'll continue the series *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read [Colossians 1:24-29](#).

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If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email [mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org](mailto:mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org) or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

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