

God is in Control | Week 6

Introduction

This week we explored a powerful passage in Scripture: [Colossians 1:15-23](#). Paul paints a breathtaking picture of Jesus' supremacy over everything. Jesus is the image of the invisible God—if you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. He is the author of all creation. Everything was created through Him and for Him. He is the superglue of the solar system—in Him all things hold together. He is the chief of the church—the head of the body. And He is the sovereign Savior—through His blood on the cross, He reconciled us to God. When life feels chaotic and out of control, this passage reminds us of a powerful truth: Jesus is in control of everything. We were once alienated from God, but now we are reconciled, holy, and free from accusation through Christ. Knowing that God is in control changes everything.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- What is something God has been teaching you lately?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question:

1. Share a time when you were reminded that God, not you, is in control. What was that like?

Scripture Observation:

2. Read [Colossians 1:15-17](#). In your Bible, circle the phrase "all things hold together" in verse 17. What does this phrase reveal about Jesus' ongoing role in creation?

Scripture Interpretation/Discussion:

3. What does it mean that Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," and why is that significant for knowing what God is like?
4. Verse 16 says all things were created "through him and for him." How does knowing that everything exists for Jesus' purpose change the way we view our circumstances?

Personal Application:

5. When life feels out of control, how does knowing that Jesus holds all things together bring you peace or comfort?
6. What area of your life do you need to surrender to Jesus' control this week?

For Further Exploration (Optional)

Read [Colossians 1:21-23](#): How does Paul describe our transformation from being "alienated from God" to being "reconciled"?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group time in prayer. Below is the Serenity Prayer, which is prayed every week at Celebrate Recovery meetings. Pray this prayer together and consider memorizing it:

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.*

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Practices to Help You Grow This Week

- Memorize Colossians 1:17 as a reminder that Jesus holds all things together
- Memorize the Serenity Prayer
- Ask someone from your small group to hold you accountable to surrendering the area of your life you need to give over to Jesus.

Announcements

Easter is coming soon, and it is a time when our friends, family, and neighbors who do not know Jesus are likely to come to church. We want you to experience the joy of seeing someone you care about meet Jesus for the first time.

Who will you invite to join you for Easter services? RSVP at easter.sv.cc.