

Connect

Your legacy can be thought of as the total impact of the values, accomplishments, and efforts that you leave behind that affected the people you came in contact with. What do you hope your legacy will be?

Verses - Colossians 1:15-20 (NKJV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Study

❖ **Review -** Who was the letter of Colossians written for? Who is its author? Why is he writing? Why is this document important to us? (Colossians 1:1-14, 23)

❖ **Today's Text**

➢ Who are the pronouns referring to, and how does it describe Him?

➢ Insofar as God is invisible, in what sense does he have an image? (John 1:18)

➢ What did he come to accomplish? What effort did he take?

❖ **DISCUSSION**

1. Paul calls Jesus "the firstborn over all creation?" Does he mean to suggest that Jesus was the first being created by God? How do we know this? (v.17)
2. What does redemption entail? (v.20, Colossians 1:20-22)
3. What does redemption do for us today, even before it is complete?

Steven *gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God,*
and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. (Acts 7:55)

Share

Share a time when you gazed upon Jesus in a time of hardship.

Grow

Based on today's lesson, share and/or in prayer:

❖ What might you be able to confess?

❖ What can you praise God about who He is?

❖ What can you thank Him for?

Take prayer requests and pray for each other.