

Colossians 1:15–23

The Source of God's Love Demonstrated through the Son of God's Love

1. Jesus As The Great Creator (vv15–16)

Colossians 1:15–16 (CSB)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ *For everything was created by him*, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through him and for him.

2. Jesus As The Great Sustainer (vv17–18)

Colossians 1:17–18 (CSB)

¹⁷ He is before all things, *and by him all things hold together*. ¹⁸ He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

3. Jesus As The Great Reconciler (vv19–23)

Colossians 1:19–23 (CSB)

¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ *and through him to reconcile everything to himself*, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. ²¹ Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds expressed in your evil actions. ²² *But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death*, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him—²³ if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.

God cares enough for you that, ***He has demonstrated the source of His love through the Son of His love*** as God doesn't want any to perish, but that all would come to Him through repentant faith in this, His Son who is: **The Great Creator, The Great Sustainer, and The Great Reconciler.**