

Just what I Needed

Colossians 1:15-20

Finding hope

Where might we turn...

- when we feel empty?
- when we are in trouble or conflict?
- when we regret the past or fear the future?
- when we lose hope for a broken world?

In Colossae

- worship of angels and spirits

15-17:

18-20:

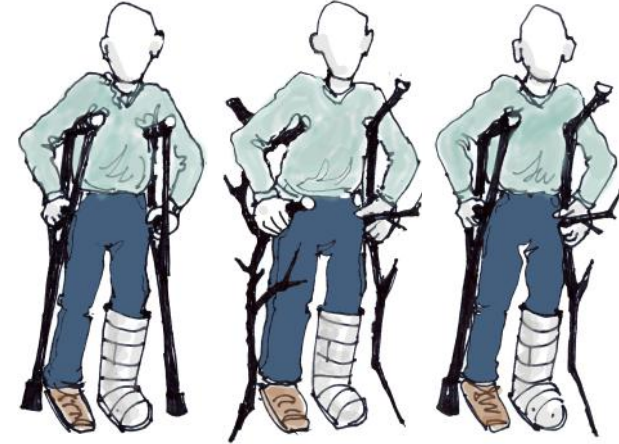
Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is...

The image of God and head of the church
The firstborn over creation and from the dead
How everything holds together
Supreme over everything
The means of peace for all things



Rescued from all our sin and failings
Completely protected from evil forces
Fully assured of eternal hope

Leaning on anything else brings disaster



So...lean on Christ, and Christ alone

The Big Idea

**True and full life
and recovery from any disaster
are in Christ and Christ alone**

infinity + googol =
infinity – googol =
Jesus Christ + everything =
Jesus Christ – everything =

“For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.” Colossians 2:9-10a
“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31a

Implications

When you have Christ, you have everything

“For those who have Christ, the universe has no ultimate terrors. They know that their Redeemer is also creator, ruler, and goal of all.”

Nothing else is needed for...

Salvation
Full members of God’s family

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. Where do you tend to turn when you feel empty, in trouble or conflict, in regret or fear, and when you lose hope for a broken world?
2. If someone truly believed that having Jesus Christ resolves every trouble or fear or regret, what might we see in their lives and in their hearts?
3. What does our life and our heart reveal about where our hope truly is?
4. What does it look like to lean on Christ alone while also taking wise responsibility for our lives?
5. What steps will you take to live out the conviction that true and full life, and recovery from any disaster, are in Christ and Christ alone?

Conversation starters with people in daily life, whether or not they are Christians

Where do you tend to turn when you feel empty, in trouble or conflict, in regret or fear, and when you lose hope for a broken world?
How is that working out?