

TITLE AND NUMBER: 55. Jesus



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Colossians 1:15-20

The Son [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

LOOKING FURTHER: Revelation 3:20, John 14:9

What does this Bible passage tell us?

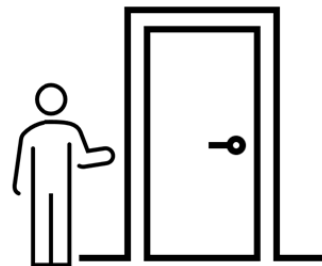
Paul is using poetry to tell us important truths about Jesus. These verses may be a very early hymn.

Jesus is at the heart of our faith. By looking at Jesus and learning more about Him, we grow in faith, wisdom, patience and thanksgiving.

Jesus was involved at the beginning when everything was created in heaven and on earth. He came to earth and lived as one of us. We read about His life in the four gospels. In an amazing act of love, He gave himself up to die for us on the cross and reconcile us (bring us back) to God. He rose from the dead on the third day and is now at God's right hand.

In Revelation, Jesus says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me".

I find it mind blowing that Jesus who is the Holy Son of God invites each of us to get to know Him. Jesus cares deeply for each one of us. One of the prayers that I find helpful is to bring someone that I am worried about to Jesus, and picture Jesus holding them in His loving arms.



Reflections:

- Jesus told His disciples that if they had seen Him, they had seen His Father God (John 14:9). What images of Jesus do you find helpful?
- Which Bible passages particularly help you to imagine Jesus?
- Pray for someone who is close to you. Picture Jesus holding them in His arms.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

