

## Secure in Christ > Colossians 1:15-2:5

**1:15-20** To understand why Paul is writing, the Colossians need to see who their Savior is. Jesus is (1) the image of God; (2) the one by whom all things were created; (3) the Head of the church; and (4) the firstborn from the dead.

**1:21-23** In the past, the Colossians (and we also!) were alienated from God by our sin. In the present, Jesus has reconciled sinners to God through His death. In the future, believers will enjoy being with Christ if they continue in trusting and following Him.

**1:24-29** All of 1:15-23 leads us into Paul's mission and why he is writing to the Colossians. Paul writes because the Lord gave him a mission to spread the mystery – now revealed – of how God saves Gentiles.

**2:1-5** Specifically for the Colossians, Paul aims to encourage them, grow them in love, and give them a full understanding to ground their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

**Context:** This letter opened with a prayer, first thanking the Lord for His work in bringing the Colossians to a living, genuine faith. Paul then prayed that the Lord would fill and build up the Colossians in the faith.

**Aim:** Paul's goal is to show how he has been tasked to teach about Jesus' person and work – as Creator, as Savior – and how that directly applies to the Colossian believers.

**Gospel:** Because Jesus is God, all who trust Him have hope.

**Applications:** Do you worship this Jesus – or a “tame” Jesus? Are you “continuing” in the faith by growing in Christ?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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