## "Who is Jesus?" Colossians 1:15-19

## • Who is Jesus?

- He is the image of the invisible God. If you have seen Jesus you have seen the Father (John 14:9). Jesus was God in human flesh (John 1:1 & 14).
- He is the firstborn of all creation, that is, He has full ownership and authority over all things (Matthew 28:18).
- He is the creator of all things (John 1:3; Hebrews 1:2); all things exist for His purpose and glory (Psalm 150:6; Romans 11:36; Ephesians 1:11), He sustains all things (Hebrews 1:3; Psalm 104:27-29; Psalm 135:7; Job 12:10), and He is eternal.
- He is the Creator of His church, the ruler of His church, the example to His church, the controller of His church, and the one who gives life to His church and He is supreme to all others who will be raised from the dead. Therefore He is preeminent.

"Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father." (Philippians 2:9-10)

- He is also a *Joyous Savior* that rejoices in the salvation of those who turn to Him and repent of their sins in humility to His Lordship (Luke 15:1, 7, 10; Hebrews 12:2).
- He is a Receiving Savior that will never turn away anyone who comes to Him for salvation (John 3:16; John 6:37; Romans 10:13).
- He beckons people to come to Him because He is a *Gentle, Gracious, Merciful, Kind, Patient, and Loving Savior* that offers eternal rest for our souls in the eternal enjoyment of Him (Hebrews 4:15-5:2; Romans 2:4; John 15:13-14; Matthew 11:28-30).

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved! For faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ." (Romans 10:9, 17)