HOPE – The Vision of Christ Colossians 1:15-20 180 Church – Pastor Harlyn Oct 6, 2024

Colossians 1:15-20 "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ 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."

ACTION FOLLOWS ______.

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of this Creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal." -Martin Luther King Jr.

3 Questions:

- 1. Who is the world's true Lord?
- 2. How did this individual become the Lord of the world?
- 3. What does this mean for us and our future?

Colossians 1:15 "The Son (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

To the Romans: the "Image of the invisible God" = _____

Genesis 1:26-28 – Humans are made in the image of God

Colossians 1:16-18a "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. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church;"

Philippians 2:10-11 "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Colossians 1:18b "He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have supremacy."

Romans 8:11 "And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who lives in you."

Colossians 1:19 "For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him (Jesus)"

Hebrews 1:3 "He is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of His nature,"

Colossians 1:19 - "_____"

Colossians 1:20 "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."

Hebrews 12:2 "For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame & is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

1 John 4:18 "Perfect love casts out all fear."