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A Life that Matters: The Letter to the Colossians

Rescued and Reconciled

Colossians 1: 13-23

The early church anticipated the return of Christ in their lifetime. When they saw that Christ might not return in their lifetime, early Christian leaders like the Apostle Paul began to write down both what he saw and experienced. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, New Testament letters like Colossians began to form. Colossians is a letter from Paul that urges the believers in Colosse to stand firm in the Christian faith and not move away from Christ who is “supreme over all creation,” and is the “visible image of the invisible God.” As believers stand firm in Christ, they will continue to live a life that matters!

1. How does following Jesus give purpose and meaning to living a life that matters? Before you became a follower of Jesus, did you live a life that mattered?
2. Why is it important to remain “grounded” in Jesus? What pulls us away from Jesus?
3. In Colossians 1: 15-20, Paul describes Jesus as supreme over creation and the church. What stands out to you the most about this description of Christ?
4. Why do you think Paul emphasizes that all things were created through Christ and for Christ?
5. Does viewing Jesus as Creator and Sustainer change the way we view our lives?
6. Colossians 1:20 says Christ reconciles “all things” through the cross. What does reconciliation mean to you?
7. Where do you see brokenness and division in our world that needs Christ’s reconciliation? What role do we play in reconciliation?
8. Colossians 1:23 calls believers to continue grounded and steadfast in faith. What helps keep a person spiritually grounded?
9. How can the church become a community of reconciliation in the world around us?
10. What is one practical way that you can live this week in the freedom and peace Christ has given you?