

Obsessians

IN ALL THINGS CHRIST

The Jesus We Are Familiar With

COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

Familiarity can be dangerous.

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“Oh Zeus, father Zeus, Yours is the Kingdom of Heaven, and you watch men's deeds, the crafty and the right, and You are who cares for beasts' transgression and justice.”

[17] *And he is **before all** things, and in him **all things hold together.***

[18] *And he is the head of the body, the church. He is **the beginning, the firstborn from the dead**, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

[19] *For in him all the **fullness of God** was pleased to dwell,*

[20] *and through him to **reconcile** to himself **all things**, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.*

Imagine hearing this for the first time

[21] *And you, who once were **alienated** and **hostile** in mind,
doing evil deeds,*

[22] *he has now **reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you **holy** and **blameless** and **above reproach** before him, [23] if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.*

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3. Do you need to build your “wonder” muscle?

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