

# SERMON NOTES - YOUR JESUS IS TOO SMALL - COLOSSIANS 1:14-23

For he [God the Father] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 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. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant (Colossians 1:13-23).

## IMAGES OF A SMALL GOD

Soft Grandfather  
Computer Programmer  
Personal Shopper  
Demanding Boss  
Crazy Cop

## WHAT HAS GOD DONE? He has:

Rescued us (v. 13)  
Transferred us (v. 13)  
Redeemed us (v. 14)  
Forgiven us (v. 14)

## WHO IS GOD'S SON? Jesus . . . the visible image of the invisible God (V. 15).

JESUS IS BIGGER THAN YOUR WORLD (V. 15-17)

First in everything (v. 15)  
Creator and Goal of all things (v. 16)  
Before all things and Sustainer of all things (v. 17)

JESUS IS BIGGER THAN YOUR CHURCH (V. 18)

Head of the Body, the Church (v. 18).  
Beginning, firstborn from the dead (v. 18)  
God's fullness dwells in Jesus (v. 19)

JESUS IS BIGGER THAN YOUR SALVATION (VV. 19-23)

Reconciler of all things (v. 20).  
Jesus makes us holy in God's sight (v. 22)  
Don't move from the hope held out in Jesus (v. 23).



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