

“Jesus First: Part 2”

Colossians 1:18–20

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Key Idea: The reality of who Jesus is invites us to see all of life through the lens of His supremacy.

I. Since Jesus is first, this is HIS Church.

And he is the head of the body, the church.
(Colossians 1:18a English Standard Version)

☞ Gospel Goggles remind me that **the church** ultimately belongs to Him.

II. Since Jesus is first, everything is about Him.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
(Colossians 1:18b ESV)

☞ Gospel Goggles remind me that **life is all about** making Christ first.

*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **(Philippians 3:8-10 ESV)***

III. Since Jesus is first, our hope rests in Him.

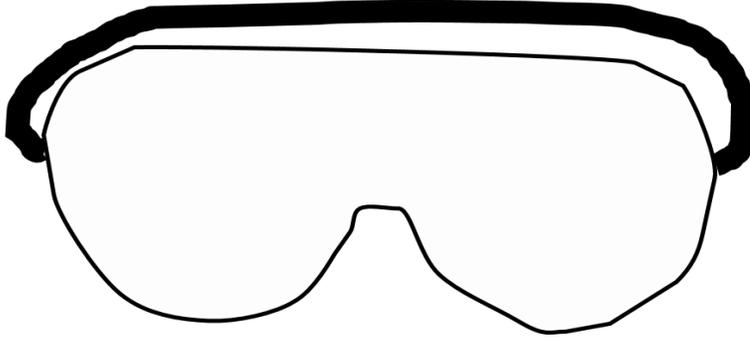
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
(Colossians 1:19-20 ESV)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
(Revelation 21:3-5 ESV)

☞ Gospel Goggles reminds us that our hope isn't in circumstance but in the faithfulness of Christ.

Take Home:

“Where do I need to honor Jesus as “first?”



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