



God's Story

Read Genesis 1 with Colossians 1:15-23

I. THE REVELATION OF HIS PERSON Colossians 1:15

- Who is God, according to: Gen. 1:1, 27? Isa. 40:28? 44:24? John 4:24? I Tim. 4:10?
- Give characteristics which reveal He is a living Person from: Gen. 2:7; 2:16; 2:21-22; 3:8; 4:16; 6:6; 11:5 example: He breathes Gen. 2:7
- How many gods are there in the universe? I Cor. 8:6
- Has anyone ever seen God? I John 4:12
- Through whom has He revealed Himself according to Heb. 1:1-3? John 1:18? John 14:8-9? Col. 1:15?
- Comparing I John 4:12, John 1:18, and Col. 2:9, when Bible characters claimed to have "seen" God, Whom were they actually seeing?
- Can a person worship God without honoring Jesus Christ as His unique Son (such as God-fearing Muslims or Jews)? Give key phrases from John 5:19-23.

II. THE REVELATION OF HIS POWER Colossians 1:16

- Who is the Creator? Name one thing He did not create. See Col. 1:16, Eph. 3:9; Rev. 4:11.
- What two "agents" of power does God use in Creation that He still uses today? Compare Gen. 1:2 with Acts 1:8; Gen. 1:3 with Heb. 4:12 and Rev. 1:16.
- How many times does the phrase "and God said," or the equivalent, occur in Gen. 1? Give the verses.
- Was "and God said" more than just a phrase of language? What explanation does John 1:1-3, 14, give?
- What preparation has to take place before the power of God's Word can bring about change? See Gen. 1:2; Acts 1:8; John 3:5-8.

III. THE REVELATION OF HIS POSITION Colossians 1:17-19

- Who is the most important person in the universe? Give phrases from Col. 1:17-18.
- Is there anyone in the universe with greater authority? Give phrases from Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:19-23; John 17:2.
- What is His position according to Eph. 1:20? Rev. 5:6? 5:13? Isa. 6:1 with John 12:41?

IV. THE REVELATION OF HIS PURPOSE Colossians 1:20-23

- What is God's purpose for you? See Col. 1:20-23; Eph. 1:4-8; Rom. 8:29. Compare Gen. 1:28 with Eph. 1:3.
- How is His purpose accomplished in your life? Give the steps:
 1. Rom. 3:23; I John 1:9
 2. Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38, 3:19
 3. John 3:16; Rom. 10:9-10; Rom. 3:22
 4. Rev. 3:20; John 1:12
 5. Eph. 1:13-14; I Cor. 6:11
 6. Rom. 12:1-2; II Cor. 3:18; I John 3:1-3
- Can you know God personally? Compare John 3:16 with John 10:10, 27-30, and John 17:3.
- Do you know God personally?
- What will you do to get to know God better and make Him known to someone else?