

“Magnifying Christ”
Colossians 1:15-23
Grace Lutheran Church
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Introduction:

Q: How big is your God?

1. He is the _____ of the invisible God.

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” (v 15)

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,” (v 19)

2. He is the _____ of _____.

“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.” (v 15-16)

First Born =

“See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance?”

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is miss.” (Isaiah 40: 10, 12, 25-26)

3. He is the Lord over _____.

“For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels – everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him.” (Col. 1:16 The Message)

4. He is the _____ of all things.

“He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (v 17)

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.” (Heb. 1:3)

5. He is big enough to conquer _____ and restore _____.

“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.” (v. 18)

“Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe – people and things, animals and atoms – get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of His death, His blood that poured down from the Cross.” (Col. 1:20 The Message)

Conclusion: