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Alta Vista Baptist Church

## Colossians 1:15-20

“For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.” – Colossians 1:16

### “Universal Truths”

- Everything changes
- The Earth is round and revolves around the Sun
- Humans are mortal
- The Leafs will never win the Stanley Cup

### 1) Jesus is the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 15-17)

- Authority
- Agent
- Aim

“No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.” – John 1:18

“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.” – Hebrews 1:3

### 2) Jesus is the Head of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 18)

- Superior
- Sovereign

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” – Ephesians 4:15-16 (1:22, 5:23)

### 3) Jesus is the Saviour of the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19-20)

- Reveals
- Reconciles

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” – 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

“For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!” – Romans 5:10

- What list of Universal Truths about Jesus would Paul be led to share in “The Letter to the Church at Alta Vista Baptist?”



### DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

**Q1:** What is a “Universal Truth” that you hear from the world that might not be as universal as others think?

**Q2:** What is so significant about Jesus being the “Image of the invisible God?”

**Q3:** Read Mark 1:40-45 & Luke 13:10-17. How do these two healings present Jesus as the Creator God’s agent?

**Q4:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-19. What does it mean for Jesus to reconcile all things to himself and how does Jesus work of reconciliation change our identity?

**Q5:** In what areas of your life are you failing to put Jesus first?