

Scripture InSight

Bible Society in Northern Ireland

Scripture Reference: Colossians 1:15-20

Bible Translation: The Message

“We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God’s original purpose in everything created. 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. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he’s there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. 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.”

Reflections:

It is amazing that everything that went wrong with the world through sin can get put right again through the sacrifice of Jesus. I love the grace-filled truth that the broken and dislocated parts of our lives and this universe all get redeemed and healed and made new in Jesus! This verse soothes my soul as I am reminded of the incredible work of grace God has done in me and stamps afresh upon my heart my identity as His child. I am also inspired and challenged in my purpose. Scripture teaches me that God longs for us to co-partner with Him in His desire to transform the world with His love. What a privilege this is and with this great privilege comes great responsibility. May we be better stewards of the time and gifts God has given us as we join in with His redemptive purposes for everything broken and dislocated in the universe. Do we spend more time complaining about our culture rather than getting our hands dirty in seeking to create and redeem it? May God give us the compassion and the courage and wisdom to see that everything is mission!



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