

“In Jesus Name”

“ _____ How to Pray in a Productive Way - Part 4 _____ ”

1. _____ **Recognize Jesus Has Ultimate Authority** _____ vv. 15-16



2. _____ **Remember Jesus Has Ultimate Control** _____ v. 17

Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/gg/ or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

Point #1

- Read Colossians 1:15-16. Explain how Paul is essentially trying to remind the Colossian church about Jesus.
- How does it relate to Point #1? Why would this impact prayer? What can happen if this isn't understood?
- How should Point #1 change the way Christians pray today? In what way does this adjust you?

Point #2

- Read Colossians 1:17. Explain this verse in terms of Jesus before and after the incarnation. (i.e. Christmas)
- How does this elevate Jesus for you? What does Point #2 imply about Jesus and your prayer life?
- How does this encourage you? What practical steps in prayer will you take this week? Be specific.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Colossians 1:15, Matthew 22:20, Hebrews 1:3, 2 Corinthians 4:4

- Explain what Paul means by using "image" and "firstborn" when describing the authority of Jesus.
- In what way does this elevate Jesus for you? Be specific. Why is this important when it comes to prayer?
- How have you seen this truth overlooked today? How does this adjust your current perspective?

TUESDAY // Read Colossians 1:16, Genesis 1:26, John 1:2-3, Romans 11:36, Hebrews 1:1-2

- How did Paul describe Jesus in terms of the creation? In what way does this surprise you?
- How does this also sound like a description of God the Father? What does this imply about Jesus?
- How does this challenge the way you've approached prayer? Why will this never be fully comprehended?

WEDNESDAY // Read Colossians 1:16, Luke 4:33-37, Ephesians 1:19-21, Hebrews 1:7-9, Philippians 2:9-11

- Why do you think Paul highlights Christ's authority in this way? How could it be both physical and spiritual?
- In what way did Jesus demonstrate this truth during His ministry? (c.f. Luke 4:33-41)
- How does this increase your confidence during prayer? Take some time and pray about this right now.

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 1:15-16, 2:9, John 8:58, 14:9-14, Titus 2:13

- How did Paul ultimately correct a Colossian heresy that had adopted a reduced perspective of Jesus?
- How did Jesus support Paul's perspective during His ministry? (c.f. John 8:58) What was the result?
- How easy is it for you to understand the deity of Christ? What danger is there if this truth is rejected?

FRIDAY // Read Colossians 1:17a, John 1:1, 14, 17:5, Revelation 22:13

- How was Jesus described in John 1:1? How does this relate to Paul's description in Colossians 1:17a?
- In what way does this explain who Jesus was before the incarnation? (i.e. becoming human)
- As you consider this truth, how does it challenge your view? How does it also encourage you?

SATURDAY // Read Colossians 1:17b, Psalm 19:1-5

- What does Paul mean when he says Jesus "holds all things together"? Be specific.
- What does this imply about Jesus' involvement when it comes to prayer? Give an example.
- Take time to look up at the sky tonight and journal your thoughts? How does it expand your view of Jesus?

MEDITATION VERSE: *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

Colossians 1:15-17