

The Power of His Presence

God Almighty

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

Colossians 1: 15-20 NIV

¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

1. God is All and In All

Ephesians 4: 5-6 One God and Father who is over all, through all and in all.
Revelation 4:11 You created all things, by Your will they have their being.

2. God IS Almighty

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand the universe was created at God's command.

Acts 17: 24-25 He gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

Genesis 17:1 God said to Abram, "I AM God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless."

3. What I Need is God

Genesis 3: 4-5 *You will not die, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God.* (deception of satan)

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh provides no benefit.

Acts 17:28 For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Conclusion: Let us cease striving to be like God and let God be God.

Let us not settle for good theology but let us willingly encounter our living God. **God is all and in all.** Let us live in His continuous flow.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of April 18 – April 24th, 2021

Ice Breaker: How do you see God when you hear Him referred to as God Almighty? Describe what you see.

Read Colossians 1: 15-20.

1. Who is the Son the image of? (v. 15)
2. When we look at Jesus and read about Jesus, who are we encountering?
3. What was created in Jesus? (v. 16)
4. Who holds all authority and power? Who created all authority? (v.16)
5. How does this truth put things in perspective in our nation and world?
6. How is everything held together? (v.17)
7. What does this truth tell you about your very life? About all life?
8. Who is the head of the Church? (v.18) How should the church operate?
9. In what things and ways does Christ have supremacy? (v.18)
10. How are things and people reconciled? (vs. 19-20)
11. Why did Jesus' blood shed make peace?
12. Read Ephesians 4: 5-6. Is God detached from His creation or involved?
13. Do you treat Him as a distant God or a close friend/father?
14. Do you believe there are matters too trivial for Him to be bothered with? Do you feel there are matters you are capable of handling on your own? Where do these beliefs come from do you think?
15. Read Genesis 17:1. Who does God say He is? Does He say he *has might* or He *is all mighty*? Is there a difference between having and being something? What is it?
16. Read Acts 17: 24-25. What does God give to you?
17. Do you view God as Almighty, in every aspect of your life? Do you draw upon His might in all aspects or act in your own power?
18. Read John 6:63. Where do we find life? Ourselves or in God Almighty? Read. Acts 17:28.
19. If God holds all power within Him, and in Him we live, would it benefit us to ask for His manifestation of power in and through us?

Point to ponder: God is not a distant, detached God. He is all powerful and in Him all things are held together. God is love, peace, and wisdom. We are not meant to live independent of God only calling on Him for times of crisis. In Him we live and move and have our being.