

Stop Grinding Pencils
Colossians 1:15-22

The Bible teaches that there is only one Person Who decodes the heart of the Father for us. In Col. 1:15–22, Paul shatters any idea that Jesus is merely “one of many” ways to God, stressing instead His absolute, singular uniqueness. Paul claims that Jesus is the image of the invisible God. In Greek thought, an “eikon” shares in the actual substance or character of the thing represented. The only way to “see” God is through an “eikon” that doesn’t just look like Him but is perfectly compatible with His nature.

Paul then describes the status of Christ in relation to everything else: “firstborn over all creation.” Firstborn didn’t represent birth order. It carried a heavy legal and metaphorical meaning regarding rank and inheritance. Christ is “firstborn” because He is the Creator. He is not part of creation. He holds the rank of Supreme Heir because He is the Architect of the entire “network.”

Jesus is also the firstborn from the dead. He is not just the Sovereign over the First Creation but the Sovereign over the New Creation, the Church, by virtue of being the first to rise from the dead. The church is made up of those who will rise from the dead to the Father.

But our sinfulness makes us enemies of God who need to make peace with Him to enter His presence. Only Jesus could make peace with God for us because only in Him dwelt the fullness of God. Now Christ presents you holy in God’s sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

We can spend our entire lives like we are grinding pencils in a pencil sharpener, trying to sharpen our own morality, intellect, or “spirituality” to somehow catch a glimpse of the Divine. The invisible God has already projected His perfect image into our world.

The question for us today is “Are we connected to the only One Who actually knows Him?” Trust the One Who is the perfect, high-definition revelation of the Father.”