

THE SON
Part 3: Firstborn Among Many
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"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV)

WHY IS JESUS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE ROOM?

¹⁵ "The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15 (NIV)

1. JESUS IS _____.

"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 (NIV)

"I and the Father are one." John 10:30 (NIV)

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form." Colossians 2:9 (NIV)

- _____ = _____
(_____, NOT _____)

2. JESUS IS THE _____ OF _____.

¹⁶ "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 (NIV)

- **WHO AM I? - AN _____ CREATION _____ JESUS.**
- **WHY AM I HERE? - I AM CREATED _____ JESUS.**

¹⁷ "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." Colossians 1:17 (NIV)

- **EVERYTHING _____ BECAUSE HE _____ IT. EVERYTHING _____ BECAUSE HE _____ IT.**

3. HE IS THE _____ AND _____ OVER THE _____

¹⁸ "And 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." Colossians 1:18 (NIV)

- **FIRSTBORN = _____ AND _____ OF THE _____.**

¹⁹“For 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.”
Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

- **HE _____ US AND IS THE ONE _____ US AND _____.**

²¹“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.”
Colossians 1:21 (NIV)

²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”
Colossians 1:22-23 (NIV)

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE ROOM?

- _____ WHO _____ IS, AND WHO _____ ARE.
- _____ WHAT _____ DID _____/_____.
- _____ AS IF HE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF EVERY _____, EVERY _____, AND EVERY _____.

NEXT STEPS

1. Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - a. Check the box on your CONNECT Card
2. Sign-up to be baptized - date to be determined.
 - a. Check the box on your CONNECT Card
3. If I am a follower of Jesus Christ, I will engage with my Church Family and with at least one person outside my Church Family this week.
4. Pray that the coronavirus will be contained, for those who have contracted it, for wisdom for our leaders, and for the GNG Family to be able to meet together again soon.