

The Mystery of Christ

Colossians 1

15 **The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.** 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.** 17 **He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.** 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.** 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 **and 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.**

Jesus is the image of God.

Jesus is before all else.

Jesus is above all others.

Jesus sustains everything.

Jesus is in charge of the church.

Jesus contains everything of God.

Jesus is the one to make things right.

Jesus is the supreme sacrifice.

25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— 26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people.

The mystery of life is disclosed through Jesus of Nazareth. He is the key to all of life's secrets.

- He was a real historic figure.
- We have reliable eyewitness testimony to Jesus life.
- There can be no doubt that He claimed to be God.
- No other historical or religious leader EVER pulled off a resurrection.