

The Certifications of the Christ Resume
Colossians 1:15-23
December 12, 2021

I. The Certifications of the Savior (V. 15-20)

- A. Certified Image of God.
- B. Certified Creator.
- C. Certified Head of the Church.
- D. Certified Redeemer.

II. The Vacancies of Mankind (V. 21-23)

- A. Man has need of a Savior who can cure their rebellion.
- B. Man has need of a Savior who can provide more than an emotional moment.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Colossians 1:15-23.
2. What do you think is the difference between being made in the image of God, which is what human beings are, and actually being the image of God, which is what Jesus is, according to verse 15? Why does that matter?
3. Why do you think the Bible is so adamant that Jesus be both Savior and Creator? To ask this another way, what does creation have to do with the cross?
4. What does Jesus being the head of the church say about the importance of the church in the Christian life? What are the dangers of a church forgetting about the real head of the church?
5. Have you ever in your life been hostile in mind toward God, as verse 21 says? Why do you think you were that way?
6. What are some ways people shift from the hope of the gospel, as verse 23 says? What does that look like?
7. If Colossians 1:15-23 were Jesus' resume as a Savior, what does that say about His certifications? What are some other saviors people have made up since creation? Why do you think people tend to invent saviors of their own making?
8. Pray for our church, that our members would be on mission among lost family and friends this holiday season. Consider coming to the next online church prayer meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 19 at 7 pm (register from the church homepage).

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Jeremiah 46-48

December Memory Verses: Jeremiah 48:29-31

Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV)

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. The registration will last through 12/26/2021.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Next Prayer Meeting is scheduled for December 19th at 7 pm, praying for spiritual disciplines in the New Year.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, David & Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, John T. in California, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Anita O., Alea O., Andi P. (son and brother), Reginald G. (sister), Monica M. (mother, JoAnn T.), Jeanette C., Ruthie C., Floyd and Karen C. (daughter, niece, Mary E.), Cordero C. (grandfather), Marge D. (brother), Ida S. (two sisters-in-law), Frances P. (brother-in-law), Dorothy C. (sister-in-law), Rita H. (daughter-in-law), Kelly J., Rick S., & Andrew R. and other family members (sister, aunt, & mother, Julie R.)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (unexplained health issues), Gaylon K. (recovering from surgery), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (blood clots in legs, hip pain), Leon V. (chemotherapy), Ann C.-W. (serious health issues), John E. (falling), and Gary C. (recovery from heart procedure)
- Those struggling with COVID
- Others that you are aware of