

In what ways has the situation changed?  
(Also read Ephesians 2:4 – 10, 2:13 – 22)

What does it mean to be holy, without blemish, free from accusation? How does this encourage or challenge you in your relationship with Jesus?

In v23 Paul talks about persevering faith. What can we do to keep our faith alive? What role does God take in this?

Where does Jesus fit in your thinking? Spend time in prayer thanking God for Jesus.

## **Groups: Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Study 2: Jesus is Number One

Readings: Colossians 1:15 – 23  
John 1:1 – 14

Who are the important people or relationships in your life? How could someone observing your life tell that these relationships or people are important to you? If Jesus is in this list, how could people tell that you are a Christian?

Read Colossians 1:15 – 23 & John 1:1 - 14:

### **Jesus and Creation: (v 15 – 17)**

In Genesis 1:27 people are described as being created in God's image; how do you understand this? How is this similar and/or different to Jesus being the image Col 1:15?

Taking into account Colossians 1:19 and John 1:14 discuss how in a unique way Jesus reveals the invisible God to us? Why is this important?

Why do you think Paul emphasizes the extent of Jesus' creative work, that is both: heaven and earth, visible and invisible, powers and authorities? (Also, John 1:1 – 5)

In what ways does this knowledge comfort us? Challenge us?

What does it mean that creation is 'for him' v16. How does that help us understand our place in creation and our relationship to the Creator?

In v17 Paul tells us that 'in him all things are held together', what does this mean? Why is this significant?

### **Jesus and the Church: (v18 – 20)**

At times we use the term "Heads of churches" to talk about denominational leadership. According to Paul who is the head of the church?

Since Paul understood Jesus to be the eternal Son of God, in what way does being "the firstborn from among the dead add to Jesus' supremacy? (That is, why did he have to live, die and be resurrected as a man?)

Why do all things need reconciling? How is this achieved?

### **Jesus and You: (v21 – 23)**

How does Paul describe what we were? (Also Read Ephesians 2:1 – 3, 2:11 – 12)