



# Morningside Church

## Sermon Discussion Guide

**Title: The Deity of Christ**

**Date: April 21, 2024**

**Scripture Text: Colossians 1:12-20**

### **Notes:**

The Church of Colosse was an exciting place! The church was growing numerically and spiritually, as Jesus was being glorified, saints were being edified, and sinners were evangelized. But Satan was attacking from within through false teachers that were denying the deity of Jesus. These false teachers believed in a philosophical dualism; matter is evil and spirit is good, therefore it was impossible for God to take on flesh. The deity of Christ is still under attack today as our culture celebrates religious diversity and inclusivism. In today's passage we are given a clear picture of the deity of Jesus, and we will see that Jesus is indeed God!

#### **I. Jesus is the Savior (Colossians 1:12-15,19-20)**

Man's greatest problem is sin ([Romans 3:23](#)). In this passage we see four actions Jesus performed as Savior to save us from our sin. Jesus qualified us, rescued us, transferred us, and redeemed us. In verses [15](#), [19](#), and [20](#) we are reminded of who Jesus is. Because He is fully God, Jesus is the only One qualified to be the Savior.

- Re-read [Colossians 1:12-14](#) and look at what Jesus has done to save us. What does it mean that Jesus has:
  - Qualified us?
  - Rescued us?
  - Transferred us?
  - Redeemed us?
- How do people deny the deity of Jesus by trying to "save themselves" from their sin?
- What are some ways people attempt to qualify, rescue, transfer, and redeem themselves?
- What do verses [15](#) and [19](#) teach us about Jesus? Why is this important to our lives?
- According to verse [20](#), what is so special about the blood of Jesus?
- What is the connection between Jesus as Savior and His deity?



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#### II. Jesus is the Creator (Colossians 1:16)

[Colossians 1:16](#), describes Jesus' role in creation. Jesus' deity is put on display because He is the creator. [Psalm 139:13-16](#), reminds us of His role in even creating us.

- What does it mean that everything was created “through Him (Jesus)?” Why is this important?
- What does it mean that everything was created “for Him (Jesus)?” How does this give our life purpose?

#### III. Jesus is the Sustainer (Colossians 1:17)

Jesus holds all things together because He is the sustainer. Everything Jesus created; He keeps it going! [1 Peter 5:7](#), reminds us that we can turn to Jesus because He is our sustainer. Crazy thought! Everyone exists because Jesus is the creator, and everyone continues to have life and breath and live in an environment because Jesus is the sustainer. How arrogant are we to deny His deity in any way in our lives.

- What does sustain mean?
- What are some examples of things we turn to, to sustain us?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the sustainer?
- If Jesus can keep the entire universe from chaos, why do we not trust Him with our lives and struggles?

#### IV. Jesus is the Head of the Church (Colossians 1:18)

The church exists because Jesus rose from the grave and is alive today. Jesus is alive therefore the church is alive and should not be marked by cold and dead religious orthodoxy. Because of Jesus' deity, the church should be a place where Jesus is magnified, saints are edified, and sinners are evangelized.

- When you hear the word “church,” what is the first thing that comes to mind?
- If Jesus is alive and is the head of the church, why do some churches seem to be cold and dead?
- How does a church become a place where:
  - Jesus is magnified?
  - Saints are edified?
  - Sinners are evangelized?